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We'll hit them first terrorists are warned

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Israel has been extemely cautious in apportioning blame for last week's bus hijack near Ashkelon.

Despite intensive press speculation here blaming Syria for the terror attack, during which the four hijackers and one female Israeli soldier were killed, senior government officials have studiously avoided pointing a finger of accusation at Syria for this particular deed.

Defence Minister Moshe Arens set the tone in a television appearance over the weekend when he spoke of previous tension along the Israel-Syria line in Lebanon, caused by Palestinian terrorist groups working from behind Syrian lines. He noted that Israel had responded by shelling terrorist camps behind the Syrian lines — and since then, he said, the situation had become calmer.

He warned that Israel will not passively suffer attacks of this kind in the future, either. He did not, however, link the hijacking directly to the Syrians. He said Israel believed El Fatah was responsible for it, but there was no conclusive evidence yet.

The attack was discussed at Sunday's weekly meeting of the cabinet but cabinet spokesman Dan Meridor declined to be drawn by reporters into outrightly condemning Syria for the action.

Accoring to Prime Minister Shamir and other policymakers, the situation in Damascus is decidedly unstable because of President Assad's uncertain state of health. They say it would play into Syria's hands for Israel to whip up tension at this time by tough rhetorical statements — especially since there is no firm evidence connecting the bus attack to Syrian-backed terror groups.

However, Israel retaliated quickly against families of the hijackers by destroying their homes in the Gaza Strip a couple of hours after soldiers stormed the bus where the hijackers kept 34 terrified passengers hostage for some 10 hours, following a wild ride from near Tel Aviv to the Gaza strip. The hostages were freed following a 2-minute attack by Israeli troops who had surrounded the bus and during the action, the hijackers and an Israeli

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Gains 42% leadership vote

Sharon makes strong bid

LOVE THAT MATZOH!

Amir, 4, tastes Passover matzoh at a model seder held at the Na'amat day care centre in Jerusalem. Pioneer Women Na'amat supports 760 daycare centres in Israel for 21,000 children of working parents.

[Compiled from UPI and JTA despatches]

Former Defence Minister Ariel Sharon's challenge to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for leadership of Israel's Herut Party is certain to make him a force to reckon with if the ruling coalition stays in power.

Sharon's supporters shouted his nickname, "Arik! Arik!" as the vote was announced last week. The stunning upset gave Shamir a weak showing of 56% and Sharon a surprising 42% in the race to decide who would be the party's candidate for Prime Minister in the July 23 elections.

It was a triumphant comeback for the 55-year-old general, ousted from his defence job after the 1982 Beirut refugee camp massacres, who had been expected to pick up no more than 25% of the vote.

His showing was certain to give the burly former tank commander, a constant critic of Shamir's government and the mastermind of the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, a strong bargaining position for a key ministry if the Herut-led Likud coalition forms Israel's next government.

Shamir, 69, had hoped for a broad endorsement of his 6-month stewardship and his pragmatic, low-key style of leadership.

In his acceptance speech, Shamir exhorted Herut, the dominant party in the ruling Likud to unite for "the real struggle for the electorate's trust and votes."

His party enters the campaign in a state of friction with the Liberal Party, its chief partner in the Likud.

The Herut last week ordered a "review" of its 20-year-old agreement with the Liberals who now hold 18 of Likud's 48 Knesset mandates.

Former Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, chairman of the Herut secretariat, spoke of a "long standing need to rectify the balance." He complaned that Likud was "plagued by Liberal MKs who refused to adhere to party discipline in the present Knesset.

Other Herut activists

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Czechs get first rabbi since World War II

NEW YORK [JTA] — For the first time since World War II Czechoslovakia is going to have its own rabbi, according to Dr. Desider Galsky, president of the Council of Jewish Communities in Czechoslovakia.

Speaking last week at a meeting here of Jewish leaders, members of the World Jewish Congress (American Section), Galsky said a young Czech Jew will be ordained as a rabbi on June 10 at the Jewish Seminary in Budapest, Hungary, and he will serve the Jews of Czechoslovakia — a community of about 20,000.

"This is a major cause for celebration for us," Galsky said. "We are going to open a Talmud Torah and revive Jewish life."

There were about 350,000 Jews in Czechoslovakia before the war, Galsky said. Those who remain today are mainly elderly Jews who survived the Holocaust.

According to Galsky, most of the Jews in Czechoslovakia today lead "good comfortable lives."

He said that what they need most of all is to be relieved of the feeling of isolation from other Jewish communities in the world. "We are not poor, helpless Jews," he said. "For us, the most important thing is to know that we are not isolated."

He welcomed visits by American Jewish individuals and groups to Czechoslovakia.

He said that the Jewish community in Czechoslovakia also has contacts with Israel, despite the absence of diplomatic relations, since the Six Day War, between Jerusalem and Prague. "We receive information and newspapers from Israel," Galsky said.

He stated that Jews in Czechoslovakia "are not discriminated against any more than any other minority group in the country." He said that the problem of anti-semitism is marginal. "But if there is any anti-semitic attack against us, we respond to it firmly."

Galsky said that not long ago a vicious anti-semitic article appeared in the weekly, Tribuna, accusing the "Zionists" of being responsible for the deaths of Jews in the Holocaust. "We sharply protested to the editor of the paper and demanded a retraction," he said, adding that indeed recently, in the same column in the paper, there were a few articles favorable to the Jews.

Galsky said, in response to a question, that the Jews, as any other citizens in Czechoslovakia, are not allowed to emigrate.

Hitler was great man says Jesse's supporter

WASHINGTON [JTA] — Controversy boiled anew last week over Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, a leading supporter of Rev. Jesse Jackson, who confirmed that he had acclaimed Hitler as a "very great man" who "rose Germany up from nothing."

Farrakhan, who heads the Nation of Islam group, offered his assessment of the fuhrer in a March 11 radio broadcast. It was largely overlooked then because in the same broadcast he urged Blacks to ostracize a Black reporter, Milton Coleman, who disclosed in The Washington Post that Jackson had referred to Jews as "Hymies" and to New York City as "Hymietown."

Subsequent threats against Jews if they harmed Jackson and against the physical safety of Coleman and his family, propelled Farrakhan into national prominence because of his close association with Jackson's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. Jackson has dissociated himself from Farrakhan's remarks but has refused to reject his support. [See also story on page 5].

Two Jewish leaders reviled the Black Muslim leader for extolling Hitler and urged Jackson again to repudiate Farrakhan.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, said: "Mr. Farrakhan has placed a storm cloud over Jesse Jackson's rainbow coalition and the result is a dark and deeply disturbing shadow over the American political scene."

Julius Berman, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said: "If Mr. Farrakhan plans to do for the Black people what Hitler did for the German people, he is an even greater menace to our country, to American Blacks and to the cause of racial amity than he has already shown himself to be."

Farrakhan, at a press conference here last week, accused the media of distorting his remarks but insisted that Hitler could be called "great" in the context of history. "I don't think you would be talking about Adolf Hitler 40 years after the fact if he was some miniscule crackpot who jumped up on the European continent. He was, indeed, a great man, but also wicked, wickedly great," Farrakhan said.

FRIENDLY RIVALS

You would never think they were rivals for the premiership of Israel. Shimon Peres, right, leader of the Labor Party, drops in on Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for a friendly chat about election details. [IPPA photo]

World-National

Battle vs racism loses edge

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Time was when Jews were vitally interested not only in themselves, but in others as well.

I recall how some years ago our people picketed Maple Leaf Gardens against the appearance of Governor George Wallace, how they marched to the American consulate to support Martin Luther King Jr. in his effort to achieve recognition for the rights of Black Americans. We were convinced then that prejudice was border blind, and that discrimination anywhere, and especially in our country, diminished us as well.

Rabbi Plaut

In the intervening years we have somehow lost the edge of our concern. Jews feel, and rightly so, that they have largely "made it," and in the process they are no longer worried as once they were about the fate of others who still struggle against the vicious impact of discrimination.

Self-centred attitude

Fortunately, we have leaders who disagree with this shallow, self-centred attitude, but it is widespread enough to be exposed for what it is: a betrayal of our moral and religious responsibility.

Recently a House of Commons committee, specially appointed to investigate discrimination against visible minorities, stated unequivocally that racism was well and alive in Canada. "Yes," many Jews say, "we know that. Look at anti-semitism. Look at Alberta. Look at the publication of anti-semitic literature."

Unfortunately, anti-semitism does exist. But the problem to which the Commons committee addressed itself goes far beyond it. Racism is more than anti-semitism, and we Jews above all ought to know this. It is important, therefore, that concern for the equality of all citizens be an ongoing part of the Jewish agenda. Nothing less will do.

Yet I hear some of our people say: "We made it without help from anyone. Look how we struggled, how we fought at Christie Pits, how we could not get residency at any hospital, how we could not buy where we wanted to live, how we could not rent in many places. Look at what happened in Quebec — and so on. We made it because we were persistent. We gathered our forces and today all this is behind us. We did it on our own — so let the others do it, too."

Our brothers' keepers

That argument is smug, self-serving, and totally bereft of moral and social responsibility. It reminds me of the Jewish father who sends his child to Hebrew school, not because he thinks Hebrew is important, but because, he says, "My father made me suffer, and I'll do the same with my son." No one will mistake this attitude for anything but what it is: it speaks of the father's feelings . . . but not of the child's needs.

If we are anything, we are our brothers' keepers. Social responsibility is part of our vital Jewish tradition. We have always supplied leadership to movements that worked for decency and fairness in the community. Are we to cease from this now that we have largely "made it?"

We are justifiably quick to raise our voices when our own interests are at stake, and wonder why so often others do not speak up for us.

The argument cuts both ways.

Other groups, too, wonder why they stand alone. Jews, of all people, ought to know what is right for them **and** for the community. Mitzvah goreret mitzvah — one mitzvah will bring another in its train. To do this is in the true spirit of the haggadah: "Let **all** who are hungry come and eat."

Answer to Israel's economic woes

National unity government wanted

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Yitzhak Berman, the former Speaker of the Knesset and a cabinet minister under Menachem Begin, has called for the formation of a national unity government if the July 23 general election produces no clear majority for either the ruling Likud coalition or the Labor Party.

Berman, who quit his post as energy minister partly over Begin's initial refusal to appoint a judicial commission to study the 1982 Sabra and Shatila massacre in Beirut, said a government embracing both major party blocs would be better able to solve Israel's economic problems.

The 70-year-old Tel Aviv lawyer, who still retains his Knesset seat, said in an interview he didn't know which bloc would win the election.

"But the gap between Likud and Labor won't be big, and this raises hope for a government of national unity," said Berman, who voted last month to dissolve the Knesset and hold an early election.

A member of the Liberal Party (a constituent of the Likud), Berman expressed skepticism about public opinion polls which show that the Labor Party can win an absolute majority.

Israelis, he said, are very conservative and will think hard before giving any party so many seats.

A national unity government, he explained, could take "far-reaching" economic measures to cope with the country's ills, and would not be beholden to the small parties, which have been part of every coalition since 1949.

[Tami, the 3-man Knesset faction, triggered the fall of the government by sponsoring a parliamentary motion of no confidence in Premier Yitzhak Shamir.]

However, a government with a narrow majority could not afford to antagonize its coalition partners, or an angry population, by passing unpopular — but necessary policies.

In Toronto under the auspices of the North American Jewish Students' Network-Canada, Berman said that Israelis cannot expect any "real improvement" in the economy unless a wall-to-wall government emerges after the summer election.

Berman, a member of the Knesset's law and justice committee, predicted that such a regime would follow a "more moderate" foreign policy.

Asked why he had joined Tami and the Labor Party in voting against the Likud, Berman said that the government had "departed" from its 1977 and 1981 election platforms, both in the spheres of economic and foreign policy.

The Likud, he said, was no longer working hard enough to mould a society based on free enterprise.

Israel, he went on to say, can't function as a true democracy if "a few people at the top" control the economy.

Government - owned companies, Berman warned, are less efficient, employ superfluous manpower and do not generate the profits of privately-owned firms — a situation which creates greater inflation, he said.

Berman, who abstained on the cabinet decision to invade Lebanon in 1982, said Israel has achieved "very little" with its invasion.

The Israeli army, he said, should not have advanced farther than 40 kilometres into Lebanon. "I even had my doubts as to the usefulness of occupying the first 40 kilometres, because I didn't hear convincing plans what we would do to solve the security of our northern border.

"We face this problem now. We don't know how to get out."

Berman, who said he was neither a pacifist nor a dove, scoffed at the Labor Party's advocacy of a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon. "You can't solve complicated problems by election slogans."

Israel, he observed, has no solution at present vis-a-vis its presence in southern Lebanon. But he voiced optimism that Israel would not remain there "forever."

As he put it: "We want to get out as quickly as possible. We have no historical or national claims to southern Lebanon."

Berman said he doubted whether Israel or Syria — which occupies two-thirds of Lebanon — would get into an accidental war. "We've been facing the Syrians on the Golan Heights since 1967 and there has been no clash."

Voicing one more criticism of the present Israeli government, Berman said he was not in "full agreement" with its settlement policy.

On the West Bank, settlements should not be built in regions of high Arab densities, he said.

"Personally, I prefer military bases to settlements," he added.

Berman said the government should have granted the Palestinians of the occupied areas full autonomy, with Israel controlling the security of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

"Unless we do this, Palestinian moderates won't dare express their views and therefore there will not be a solution."

The Palestinians, he noted, should be free to make political choices so that they need not have to fall back on the PLO. As a result of Israel's 1982 operation in Lebanon, Berman theorized, the PLO has been weakened. Therefore, the Palestinians of the territories can be bolder if opportunities arise.

Yitzhak Berman, former Knesset Speaker

He said he was opposed to a Palestinian state, since the Palestinians would not accept a small West Bank state. The Palestinians, whom he characterized as a dynamic, ambitious and cosmopolitan people, would seek to enlarge such a state.

Castigating the 1982 Reagan plan as unworkable, Berman said it had no chance of success. (Israel and most Arab states rejected it. The plan calls for an association between Jordan and the Palestinians of the occupied territories and a ban on the building of new settlements.)

He described the Labor Party's so-called Jordanian option as "unrealistic." Under the proposal, Israel would keep strategic sectors of the West Bank and the return the rest to Jordan.

The Arab world, he said, would not accept a permanent Israeli occupation of the Jordan Valley. And Israelis would not be content to relinquish East Jerusalem, a persistent Arab demand.

Berman, who opposed the 1981 annexation of the Golan Heights, said it could be "de-annexed."

"If Yamit (the settlement in the Sinai which was destroyed by the Israeli army on the eve of its 1982 withdrawal) can be removed, so a compromise can be struck on the status of the Golan Heights."

Saying he can foresee diplomatic relations between Israel and Syria, Berman said that police states (such as Syria) can charge their foreign policy over night.

Jury goes to Montreal for survivor's story

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Unbeknown to the public, a war crime trial was held in Montreal earlier this month.

Two judges, three defence attorneys and a state prosecutor and his assistant came here from West Germany to hear the testimony of one elderly survivor of the Sobibor death camp. The hearing took place at the West German consulate on Mountain St. over four days.

The witness was Kalmen Wewryk, 78, who testified against the chief SS officer at Sobibor, Karl Frenzel, who is presently on trial in Hagen, West Germany.

Because he is in poor health, Wewryk was not able to travel to the trial, so the German jurists came to Montreal instead. In legal terms, going to another country to hear a witness is called a rogatory commission.

About six months ago, the West German government reopened the case of Frenzel who had been sentenced in 1965 to life imprisonment for brutal treatment of the Sobibor inmates and his share of the responsibility for the deaths of a quarter-million Jews in that camp, said Howard Roiter, a University of Montreal English professor, who was asked by the German authorities to make arrangements to have Wewryk heard in Montreal.

Frenzel was released from prison after serving 18 years, but the case was reopened last year because there have been discrepancies between his testimony and those of other alleged war criminals at more recent trials.

The German court has also traveled to the Soviet Union, Israel and the United States (it went on to New York after Montreal) to gather evidence on Frenzel, said Roiter.

Roiter has been preparing a book on Wewryk's expereinces in Sobibor during the past three years. He is the author of two other books on local Holocaust survivors, Voices from the Holocaust and A Voice from the Forest.

Only 40 people are believed to have survived Sobibor, a camp set up in Poland purposely for extermination. In 1943, the inmates revolted and about 600 escaped, but were all killed except for the 40, Wewryk among them. Only about 20 to 25 are believed to be alive today, said Roiter.

Wewryk, a carpenter by trade, gave his testimony in Yiddish, while the proceedings were conducted in German. Montreal resident Jospeh Riwash, who was head of the war crimes section of the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in Germany after World War II, acted as translator.

According to Riwash, Wewryk told how Frenzel was fond of beating the inmates, especially the weak and sick, often with a whip. Frenzel made the selections for the gas chambers and Wewryk recalled how unwell prisoners would hide their illness and force themselves to work because if they stayed in bed they would surely be exterminated. Frenzel also confiscated the jewelry from Jews as they arrived at the camp.

The hearing was conducted in true courtroom fashion, with clerks and stenographers present, said Riwash.

Wewryk spent one year in Sobibor and, after his escape, joined the partisans. He immigrated to Canada in 1957.

"In the name of the victims of the Holocaust, I thanked the presiding judge for investing so much effort and time in bringing to justice those who committed atrocious crimes," said Riwash, author of Resistance and Revenge 1939-1949.

Said Roiter: "In private conversation, the prosecutor indicated to me that he hoped the Canadian government would change its policy and be more cooperative in helping Germany try war criminals, through such means as extradition."

The hearing did attract the attention of a New York film crew working on a documentary about the partisans of Vilna, directed by Josh Waletzky (Image Before My Eyes). The crew shot scenes of Wewryk entering the consulate to testify.

Known as Mr. Campaign

Gordie Brown to be honored by Chaim Herzog

By
JOE KING

MONTREAL —

He marked his 75th birthday some time ago but everyone still calls him "Gordie."

Somehow, the fact that — surprisingly — he now is a septuagenarian does not appear to be as important as the light step and twinkling eyes of Gordon Brown, who has dedicated all of his adult life to serving the Jewish community.

That career — spanning more than half a century — will come to a climax in Jerusalem — at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28 — when Israel's President Chaim Herzog will bestow on Gordon Brown the highest honor that can be awarded a Diaspora Jew — the Dr. Israel Goldstein Prize.

Gordie will be surrounded by friends — gathered into a Chairman's Study Mission built around the presidential recognition of the Montreal leader.

Gordie's story began in Russia.

He was born in Odessa, in 1908 — the anti-semitic Russia of the czars.

His life was scarred by war and revolution. World War I broke out when he was 6; he was only 9 when the Bolshevik revolution sent terrorstricken crowds rampaging through the streets of Odessa.

At 13, he and his 15-year-old sister were often forced to fend for themselves when their parents were jailed repeatedly for attempting to escape Communist Russia. In a bread line, the two youngsters received a daily allowance of a quarter pound of bread.

As Jews, his parents saw no future for themselves in the USSR and they managed to escape in 1921. They were in transit for two years in Romania before making it to Canada and Montreal.

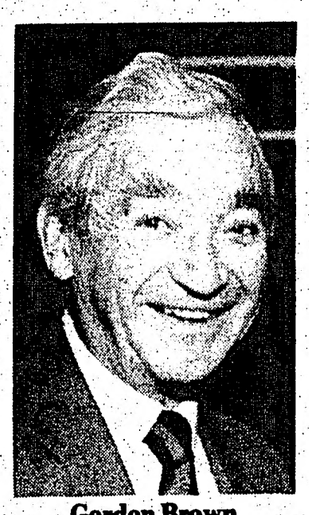
Gordie himself was imprisoned for three months in a large damp cell in Romania with dozens of other displaced persons.

He never forgot the help his family received from the Joint Distribution Committee and HIAS. The family had to get by on soup provided by the JDC while HIAS arranged for them to stay in Romania until transportation could be arranged to the new world.

In Montreal, Gordon Brown began a successful career as a realtor and financier, and very quickly, he became involved in community work. In 1929, he took on his first fund raising assignment — the capital funds campaign to build the Jewish General Hospital.

Since then, over a span of 55 years, Gordon Brown became so deeply and productively immersed in campaigning on behalf of the Jewish people in general and Israel, in particular, that he became known as "Mr. Campaign."

His accomplishments as a communal leader have been repeatedly



Gordon Brown
... presidential honor

honored and recognized.

He was the first winner of the Samuel Bronfman Medal, a prestigious award for Jewish communal service. He was the first member of the Canadian Jewish community named to the board of the Jewish Agency.

He received the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award. The Hebrew University named him an Honorary Fellow and established the Gordon Brown Chair.

On completion of his presidency of the United Israel Appeal of Canada, the Gordon Brown Absorption Centre was erected in his honor in Jerusalem.

His wife Bernice, his children and grandchildren have shared in the flow of communal appreciation.

Now, the ultimate international recognition awaits him in the splendid residence of the President of Israel.

The general chairman of Montreal's 1984 Combined Jewish Appeal, Arthur Diamond, will lead a Chairman's Mission to Israel with the honoring of Gordon Brown as its highlight. The 2-week mission will depart Montreal June 18.

In addition to mission participants, members of the Montreal Jewish community, unable to take part in the mission, will fly to Israel for the occasion.

That evening, Bernice and Gordon Brown plan a reception for all those who will have congregated in Jerusalem for the presentation, as well as for major figures in the Israeli government.

Many of those who will celebrate will be men and women who have been drawn into communal work by the enthusiasm of the man who has been an essential part of every major Jewish fund raising effort in Montreal for more than half a century.

Here's Gordon Brown's community service record to date:

President, United Israel Appeal of Canada; president, Allied Jewish Community Services, Greater Montreal; general chairman, Combined Jewish Appeal of Montreal, 1961; governor, Jewish Agency; Man of the Year, State of Israel Bonds, 1974; honoree Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner, 1970; Honorary Fellow, Hebrew University; Gold Menorah member, B'nai B'rith; life vice-president, Adath Israel Congregation; life governor, Jewish General Hospital.

Honorary director, Hebrew Free Loan Association; trustee, Maimonides Hospital and Home for the Aged; member, executive committee, Canadian Jewish Congress; member, board of directors, Camp B'nai B'rith; member, board of directors, Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Board member: Canadian Technion Society, Council of Jewish Federations, Yeshiva University, Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University, Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, Canadian Friends of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

PM's remarks on Japanese draw protest

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewish Congress has sent a telegram to Prime Minister Trudeau protesting his recent statement concerning restitution to Canadians of Japanese ancestry who were interned during World War II.

The recent report by the parliamentary committee on visible minorities recommended that restitution be made; the Prime Minister indicated that his views on the subject were different.

The CJC maintains that the Japanese Canadians have suffered a "unique case of injustice," and that Canada does bear responsibility. The text of the telegram, signed by Milton Harris, CJC president, reads as follows:

Canadian Jewish Congress is dismayed by your statement that the Canadian government will not make moral or material restitution to Canadians of Japanese ancestry for their treatment during World War II. The violation of human rights of Canadians of Japanese ancestry cries out for redress and stands as a unique case of injustice for which all Canadians must atone. Restitution is a moral obligation which the Canadian people must address.

Canadian Jewish Congress has been seized with this issue for 40 years and will continue to protest until substantial recognition of a monumental injustice which all of Canada imposed on our Japanese Canadian fellow citizens is rectified.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

Question: For children, the high point of the sedar comes when they succeed in getting hold of the afikoman and demand a princely ransom for it. What is the meaning of this custom?

Some people think that this is a device that keeps the children awake during the seder as they plan their course of action to get hold of this precious piece of matzoh. The Talmud, in Tractate Pesachim, 109 A, tells us of a number of stratagems that were devised for the express purpose of keeping the children awake during the seder. One way of dealing with the problem was to hurry the seder along, and not allow it to drag out. Rabbi Eleazar said: "The matzohs are eaten hastily on the night of Passover on account of the children so that they should not fall asleep."

Rabbi Burak

This reading of our text follows Rashi's interpretation. Rashi brings another interpretation in which the words of the Talmud mean that we raise the plate on high, to draw attention to it. Rashbam brings other explanations including that which states that the matzohs are snatched away from the children to prevent them from filling up on matzohs, since a full stomach makes the head heavy and sleepy.

To eat such a festive meal at high speed is inappropriate. The raising of the plate on high will not make a lasting impression on children.

Perhaps "chotfin matzohs" stands for the snatching of the afikoman by the children. It certainly keeps them awake, as they watch for that moment when the parents are not looking. Waiting for that moment when the adults will be unaware of what is planned does keep the children wide awake. It is quite a successful pedagogic device.

An explanation that does not do violence to the commentary given by Rashi and Rashbam is to be found in Zikkaron le-Moshe (Stern edition) page 195. He reminds us that the entire Passover ritual was instituted to hint at all the steps along the way to the exodus from Egypt: the bricks and mortar, the bitterness of the life, the tears, are all on the seder plate with its bitter herbs, salt water and charoses.

While we are reminded of the four steps in our redemption by the drinking of the four cups of wine, we remember the 10 plagues when we dip our fingers and pour out 10 droplets of wine.

One aspect of the departure seems to be overlooked. The Torah, in Exodus, Chapter 11:7, tells us that at the time the Jews would depart from Egypt there would be great anguish and screams brought on by the last plague, the dreaded deaths in the homes of the tyrants. "But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog whet his tongue. . . ." Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz z.l. says in his commentary that this is "a proverbial expression indicating safety and peace."

The plain meaning of the words, however, is that the dogs would not bark at them. A bit further in Exodus, Chapter 22:30, we are told: ". . . therefore ye shall not eat any flesh torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast it to the dogs."

The Mechilta ties the two sentences together: "Scripture teaches you that the Holy One, blessed be He, does not withhold the reward of any creature. Since the dogs did not bark, the Holy One, blessed be He, said, 'Give it its reward.'"

Why is the silence of the dogs overlooked at the seder? If you think it's because we don't like dogs, you are mistaken. In Tractate Pesachim, 113 A, we are told: "Do not live in a city where no horses neigh and no dogs bark." The dogs sound the alarm, and the horses make pursuit possible.

The silence of the dogs meant a complete surrender. "Take what you want and leave in a hurry," was what Egypt was saying. This silence is remembered in the snatching of the afikomon. No one may bark at the children when they ask a hefty ransom for it.

But, history records that one father who felt his son was going too far, agreed to redeem the afikoman by paying what was asked of him, and then refused to give the boy any piece from the afikoman. But, the lad, wise beyond his years, had saved a piece of it up his sleeve.

Unusual invitation from Germany

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Not long ago, out of the blue, Walter Groschler received a letter from his birthplace Jever, West Germany, from which he had fled with his family as a child almost 50 years ago.

It was an invitation to return for a reunion of Jewish former residents of Jever, a town in the northern part of the country near Bremen — a most unusual summons to people who had been driven from their homes by the Nazis and have memories of relatives who were not lucky enough to escape.

However, Groschler, a local drapery sales representative, could not dismiss the invitation out of hand. It had come from a group of high school students who a couple of years ago had made a class project out of researching the history of the Jews of Jever and their contribution to the city.

The Jewish community had never been large, said Groschler, about 35-40 families, but it had flourished before the war.

Groschler's father, who had been the president of the community, later died in Bergen-Belsen.

The students' project attracted the attention of the German media. Encouraged, the students set about to bring the Jews back to Jever from wherever they now live in the world. Soliciting businesses, the municipal government and public, the students established a fund that will cover all the costs of flying in and accommodating about two dozen persons for a 1-week reunion in Jever beginning April 23.

"I had mixed feelings about accepting the invitation," said Groschler, "but because it came from young people I felt it would be wrong to refuse an outstretched hand."

Groschler, and his Canadian wife Rosylin, are one of two couples from Canada going; the other, he said, is Gerry Sternberg of Downsview, Ont., and his wife.

Groschler's sisters in England and Holland are also going, and he has heard of persons from as far away as Buenos Aires accepting the invitation.

Hosted by the students, the former residents will be honored with a variety of activities throughout the week including lectures and tours. The town hall will hold an official reception for the guests at the local castle, following which all the citizens of Jever will be invited to meet them.

Although the Jewish cemetery still exists, Groschler expects to see little reminder of the community he grew up in. The Jever synagogue was burned during Kristallnacht in 1938 and no Jews are believed to live in the town today.

Groschler left Jever in 1935 for Holland, and later spent time in England and Israel before coming to Montreal in 1953. His whereabouts, like those of the others invited, were apparently traced by the students through records kept in Germany.

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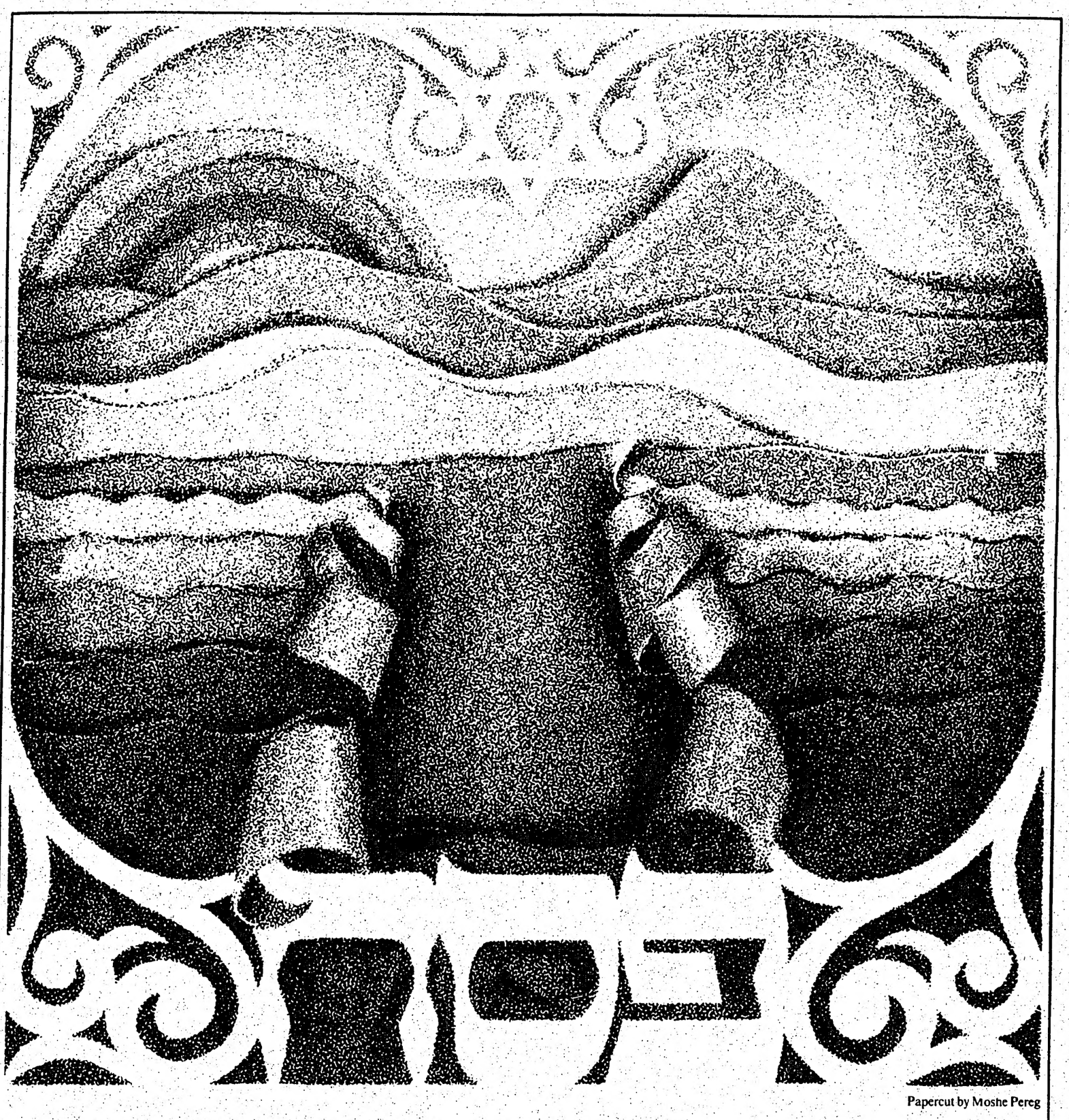

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VP denounces presidential candidates

Racist stand by Jackson supporter angers Bush

By DAVID FRIEDMAN

WASHINGTON [JTA] — Vice - President George Bush denounced the three Democratic presidential hopefuls last week for not speaking out against the anti-semitism expressed by Louis Farrakhan, the Black Muslim leader who is a leading supporter of Rev. Jesse Jackson.

"He (President Reagan and members of his administration) denounce the intrusion of anti-semitism into the American political process and believe it has no place in our system, and we've got to speak out against it wherever it comes from," Bush told the 1,000 persons attending the 25th annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

The vice-president, who received a standing ovation for his remarks, noted that Jackson has been criticized not only for failing to disassociate himself from Farrakhan but also for claiming no responsibility in the affair. Jackson disassociated himself from Farrakhan's remarks threatening a Black journalist, Milton Coleman, of The Washington Post, and the Jewish community earlier, but refused to reject Farrakhan's support.

"As shocking as I find Rev. Jackson's behavior, I also cannot understand why the other two candidates are not willing to speak out," Bush said.

"Anti - semitism, wherever it appears, is a disgusting disease, but particularly when it appears in our country where its presence defiles our most sacred traditions and institutions," Bush said.

Earlier in his speech Bush noted that under the Reagan administration the American delegation to the United Nations no longer sits quietly when anti-semitic attacks are made against Israel in the UN. "We will not shrug such talk off as merely rhetoric," Bush said. "And our ambassador, Jeane Kirkpatrick, will not let stand unchallenged equations of Zionism with racism."

America committed to Israel

Most of the vice-president's speech was devoted to stressing that there is a "new mood of assuredness" in American foreign policy since the Reagan administration came to office and "more, perhaps, than any other country, Israel has benefited directly" from this.

Bush stressed that in the new strategic cooperation between Israel and the U.S., "for the first time the U.S. has acknowledged what Israel has always been . . . our foremost strategic friend in the Middle East. And this in turn confirms America's long-standing commitment to ensure Israel's qualitative edge in armaments over any potential combination of adversaries."

He noted that in addition, Israel will now be receiving for the first time, all its military and economic aid as grants to "ensure that maintaining that edge doesn't bankrupt Israel's economy."

Bush stressed that Reagan is still committed to his September 1, 1982, peace initiative and the belief that the U.S. can be an "honest broker" in Middle East negotiations.

But he stressed that the U.S. needs to supply arms to Saudi Arabia and Jordan as well as to the friendly Persian Gulf states so that they "not be left to the mercy of the radical states in the region" but are able to defend themselves.

"Despite setbacks in Lebanon and King Hussein's recent decisions, we believe that the time will come when all sides will see a negotiated settlement in their best interests," Bush said. "When that moment does arrive, it is overwhelmingly in Israel's interests for the U.S. to act as the honest broker, just as it has in the past."

But, Bush warned, "few actions could more undermine our capacity to play that broker's role with the Arab states than for the U.S. precipitously to move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Jerusalem is just too emotionally charged a symbol for Moslems as well as Christians and Jews.

"The U.S. position is clear: while Jerusalem must remain undivided, its final status can only be resolved in negotiations, not through unilateral acts."

He added that the U.S. "will never attempt to impose a settlement."

Bush also stressed, "it is in Israel's interest to see America economically strong. And yet some, who loudly profess to be Israel's strongest friends are leading the charge to weaken the defence budget in this country."

The vice-president criticized those who "spend so much time slamming our policies in Central America on human rights grounds" but have not spoken out when "the regime in Nicaragua has driven practically every Nicaraguan Jew out of the country."

Azrieli opposes criticism by Canadian Zionists

MONTREAL —

Zionists in Canada should not engage in public criticism or evaluation of the government of Israel, says David Azrieli, the new chairman of the executive board and president-elect of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

"The time has come for Jews who live outside Israel to recognize the right of the democratically elected government of Israel to pursue its policies in the direction it considers to be in the interests of the Jewish state," he said.

In his opinion, Jews have "one obligation: to support Israelis in the consolidation of the Jewish state."

Azrieli, who will become CZF president in April, 1987, said, "What is really important to me is Jewish unity; strengthening the links between the community in Canada and Israel, upgrading Jewish education, promoting aliya, tourism and economic strengthening of the State of Israel.

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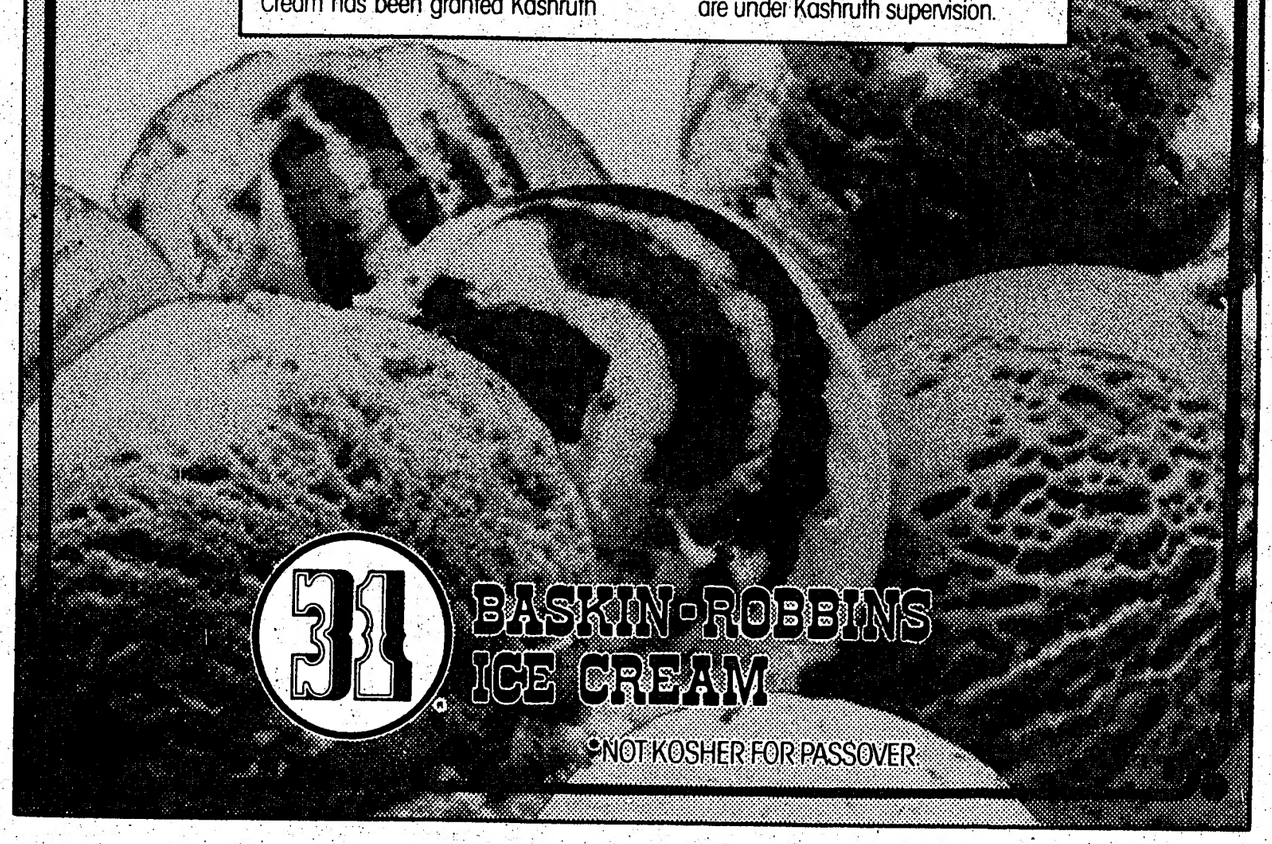

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Canadian teachers can't fill day schools' needs

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — One of the main problems confronting Jewish education in Canada is a shortage of qualified teachers for Judaic studies, says new Canadian Zionist Federation national president Neri Bloomfield.

Although only about 25% of Jewish children attend Jewish day schools in Canada, according to Bloomfield's figures, there are still not enough Canadian teachers for all of the classes. For several years, the CZF has been bringing in teachers from Israel to fill the gap. A toal of 65 are currently in Canada, for a stay that usually lasts from two to three years.

"The Israeli teachers' Hebrew is beautiful and their knowledge of Jewish history is great. They bring the spirit of the Jewish state into the schools — but they are temporary, she said. It would be preferable to avoid the necessity of replacing teachers every couple of years."

She envisions the establishment of a university-level Jewish teacher training institution, under Jewish auspices, in Canada.

In Toronto, a Jewish teacher training program does exist at the college level sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education in high schools around the city. However, it does not grant degrees in education, she said.

McGill University in Montreal has a Jewish teacher training program but it produces only a small number of graduates a year.

Bloomfield believes at least 30 to 40 new Jewish teachers are needed every year in Canada. Any program established in Canada should incorporate study in Israel as part of the training, she said.

Bloomfield has placed Jewish education very high on the agenda of Canadian Zionism today. She predicts Jewish day school enrolment will continue to grow in Canada. "The second and third generation Jews are more confident about sending their children to Jewish schools.

"There is no better vehicle than Jewish education to assure the survival of our people," Bloomfield continued. "Jewish life in the Diaspora is threatened because of assimilation, intermarriage and zero population growth."

Bloomfield sees the Jewish schools as a vehicle for the transmission of Jewish values, specifically, "the love" of Israel, which cannot come only from teaching languages or history. Canadian Jewish schools must be "Zionized," i.e., the centrality of Israel in Jewish life should be on the curriculum." Some day, it may result in increased aliya, she believes.

In addition to a shortage of Canadian teachers, there is also a lack of Hebrew texts published in Canada, with content suitable for Canadian children. Most books are now imported from the United States and Israel.

The CZF has the only national departments of Jewish education in Canada, she pointed out, which provides teaching materials and curriculum guidance to Jewish schools across the country. Eight years ago, the CZF also created the National Pedagogic Council which brings together Jewish educators to discuss issues of common concern.

At the recent CZF national convention, Jewish education was a major topic of discussion. A survey is being conducted of Jewish schools in Canada with a view to developing a curriculum for teaching Zionism, it was reported.

Differing views were offered by educators on the value of bringing shlichim teachers into their schools. United Talmud Torahs of Montreal's Chana Eliashiv said the Israelis bring "spirit" to the schools. However, Dr. Aaron Nussbaum, of United Synagogue Day Schools in Toronto said his school will not hire them because they have difficulty adjusting to how schools are run here. They do not understand the power parents have in the administration of the school.

In Israel, the government runs the schools; in Canadian Jewish day schools, the boards have a great deal of power, it was noted.

The schools are not the only place for spreading Jewish education, Bloomfield said. The CZF is seriously thinking of opening aliya departments in YMHAs and Jewish community centres across the country to reach other youth. Between 600 and 700 Canadian residents are making aliya each year now, but Bloomfield believes there is room for improvement.

The CZF will be emphasizing "partial aliya" more than in the past, she said. This is how she describes the phenomenon of middle-aged persons who live part of the year in Israel or students who stay in Israel for a limited period. (Last year, 800 15- to 21-year-olds went to Israel on CZF-sponsored summer programs.)

Catholics show concern over Jewish problems

TORONTO — Catholic churches are more aware of Jewish concerns and the importance of Israel to Jews, says Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, who recently returned from a meeting with Vatican and other church representatives at an international interfaith conference in Amsterdam.

"We were particularly impressed with the extremely liberal guidelines stated by Brazilian bishops," said Pearlson. "These included strong statements against anti-semitism and the affirmation of the right of Jewish people to resettle in Israel.

"The actual wording, I believe, was: 'God gave the ancient land of Canaan to Abraham and his descendants. We must recognize the rights of the Jews to a calm political existence in their country of origin without letting that create injustice and violence for other peoples. For the Jewish people, these rights become a reality in the existence of the State of Israel.'"

Rabbi Pearlson

remove any element of religious sanction to anti-semitism that may exist in the understanding of the Catholic faith," he said.

The Amsterdam conference included members of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations. The delegation was led by Dr. Gerhard Riegner of Geneva who has had a major impact on interreligious movements.

This was the first time that a Jewish representative from Canada has participated with Vatican officials.

Rabbi Pearlson, who attended as a representative of Canadian Jewish Congress with the World Jewish Congress delegation, is rabbi of Temple Sinai in Toronto.

The international interfaith group meets irregularly. The last meeting, prior to Amsterdam, was three years ago.

Positive attitude to Israel

Pearlson, who is chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress international affairs committee and a member of the National Tripartite Liaison Committee, has participated for many years in dialogue with the Protestant World Council of Churches. He said that many statements at the Amsterdam conference indicate a positive attitude to Israel and the Jewish people.

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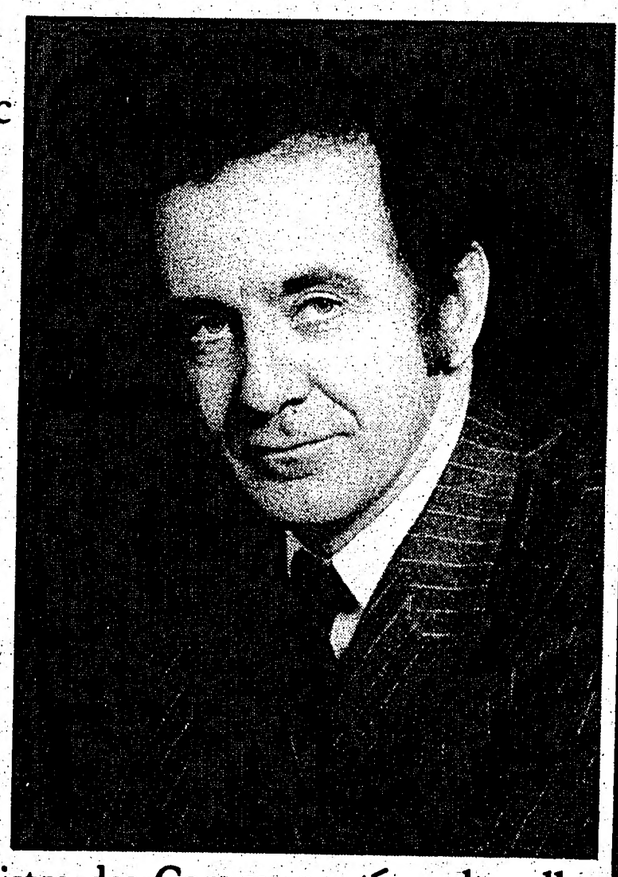

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On April 19, 1943 — the first day of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising — Jewish partisans in Belgium stopped a train bound for Auschwitz carrying over 1,500 deportees. It was one of a number of actions by the local Jewish underground against the Nazi juggernaut's implementation of The Final Solution.

The Jewish population of Belgium numbered over 90,000, including 35,000 recent refugees from Germany and Austria and thousands of new immigrants from Eastern Europe, when the Nazis stormed into the country on their way to France. A community that had enjoyed religious equality for the past 110 of its 2,000 years faced extirpation.

Jews first reached Belgium as traders accompanying Julius Caesar's legions in the year 50 BCE. Their number was reinforced by refugees fleeing the destruction of the second Temple 120 years later.

Records from the 4th century on indicate their service in the local armies and their presence among the earliest merchants and artisans in Brussels at its founding in the seventh century. Subject to alternate periods of persecution and toleration under the Christian Frankish kings and their Burgundian successors, the Jews were prominent in establishing Belgium's early leadership in international trade.

The community, which provided refuge for Jews expelled from England in 1290 and from France in 1300, was virtually destroyed after false accusations of witchcraft and well poisoning during the Black Death in 1348. The slaughter of 500 Jews in Brussels 22 years later, falsely charged with desecrating the consecrated wafer used in church services, marked the end of Jewish life in Belgium for over a century.

The semi-autonomous cities of Belgium under Spanish rule encouraged Marranos to settle and exercise their mercantile and banking connections. Francisco and Diego Mendes made Antwerp a world centre of the spice trade and banking. The Rodriguez family introduced the diamond industry.

An underground railway established by the Mendes' widows enabled hundreds of prominent Marranos to flee Spain and Portugal, via Belgium, France and Italy, to Turkey.

The annexation of Belgium, first by Austria in 1714 and then by France in 1794, brought a stream of Jews from Germany, Austria and Holland.

Jewish rights were confirmed when the Dutch took control, after the fall of Napoleon, and the first modern synagogue was erected in Brussels.

At Belgium's independence in 1831, some 3,500 Jews were well established in Brussels, Antwerp and Liege, enjoying the same rights as all other citizens. Russian and Polish Jews entering in the 1880s revived the diamond trade and created the leather goods, textile and clothing industries. More than half of Belgium's 26,000 Jews in 1914 were aliens and exempt from military service; yet, thousands volunteered for the army.

The Nazi invasion of May, 1940 drove more than half of Belgium's Jews toward France. The latter's incarceration of Jews in refugee camps and an initial demonstration by the Nazis of a lack of hostility led most of them to return.

The Nazis, sensitive to the overall populace's acceptance of Jews, undertook annihilating them in a slower and more circumspect manner than in Eastern Europe. During the first two years, a sequence of economic and social restrictions culminated in the formation of a Judenrat — the Association des Juifs de Belgique — and the wearing of a yellow identity badge marked Jude. Christians protested the measure.

Jewish resistance, initiated with the efforts of pre-war refugees from Eastern Europe, started with the plastering of anti-Nazi slogans on walls. Two Jewish groups joined Belgium's general resistance movement, and a third, affiliated with it, was set up at the end of 1941.

The head of the Jewish community, Rotgiel, denounced the Judenrat rather than joining it, and was ultimately killed in a concentration camp.

Deportations began in July, 1942. Jewish partisans destroyed Judenrat records. Several hundred Jews escaped the Auschwitz-bound train they stopped; a daring attempt to rescue hospitalized prisoners was ultimately foiled by informers.

Holocaust views sway education minister

Keegstra loses teaching certificate

By TAMMY KAROL

EDMONTON —

Alberta education minister David King has revoked the teaching certificate of Jim Keegstra.

The former Eckville teacher was fired from his job last year for expounding anti-semitic theories to his pupils. He told pupils that the massacre of Jews in the Holocaust was exaggerated and that there was a "Zionist conspiracy" to rule the world.

Keegstra was charged under Section 281.2 of the Criminal Code that makes it a crime to "other than in private conversation to wilfully promote hatred against any identifiable group."

Pleaded not guilty

Last month, Keegstra pleaded not guilty to the charge in the Red Deer provincial court, and June 4-8 has been set for his preliminary hearing. (CJN March 8).

According to Rich Vivone, executive assistant to Alberta's education minister, King met with Keegstra on April 2 and three days later Keegstra received a letter from him stating his teaching certificate was revoked.

After King's letter arrived, Keegstra told a reporter on an Edmonton radio station that "freedom of speech no longer exists in this country," Vivone reported.

King talked to Keegstra about his thoughts on the oral and written version of history and on the Holocaust and it was partly on this basis that King decided to revoke the certificate, Vivone told The Canadian Jewish News.

The education minister's decision was also based on a recent decision by a 3-member group of the Teachers Professions Appeal Board which recommended that Keegstra be barred from teaching in Alberta.

In its decision, the government - appointed appeal board agreed not to overturn a verdict of the Alberta Teachers Association's disciplinary committee that Keegstra's certificate be revoked and that he be expelled from the ATA.

Vivone said King has, in the past, revoked teaching certificates because of criminal charges (such as child abuse) but not for promoting prejudice against a particular group (in this case, Jews).

Keegstra would have difficulty teaching in another province because he'd need a valid certificate issued by Alberta's department of education, Vivone said.

Michael Finn, information officer for the Toronto-based Council of Ministers of Education said it would be hard for Keegstra to teach outside Alberta because of a general non-legal agreement signed by all Canadian education ministers in January 1982.

The minister agreed in principle that to promote mobility of teachers among provinces teachers could only move from one province to another if they had a Canadian university degree, a year of teacher training at an approved provincial institution and a valid teaching certificate from the province of origin, Finn said.

Vivone pointed out that Keegstra could not teach in any of his province's public schools because teachers in the schools require a valid teaching certificate.

He noted, though, that Alberta has four types of private schools and that Keegstra could be employed in the fourth category schools.

The first three categories are private academic, special education and language schools. All require certified teachers' certificates, and curricula taught must be mandated by the province or approved by the minister of education, according to Vivone.

Vivone said the fourth category of private schools do not receive provincial funds and are often religiously-based. They don't require certified teachers and do not have to closely follow a curriculum mandated by the province.

There are some 100 approved private schools in Alberta, serving approximately 8,000 students. According to Vivone, about a dozen fourth-category private schools operate in the province.

Keegstra, meanwhile, still lives in Eckville and has been working as a mechanic in Bentley, 25 miles northeast of Eckville.

He was formerly mayor of Eckville but lost his job to Harold Leach during municipal elections last Oct. 17.

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Happy Pesach

With the close of one of the coldest winters in recent Canadian history, Jews look forward to the season of Passover. As spring bursts forth, it will remind us of the bursting forth of our ancient freedom.

In the Book of Exodus, chapter 1 to 15, we read of the enslavement which our ancestors experienced in Pharaonic Egypt. The suffering is described in graphic detail in that most superb of textbooks, the haggadah.

The two Passover seders which many Jews in the Diaspora celebrate are vivid reenactments of the encounter between Jewish and Egyptian history.

It would be impermissible to think, however, that the deliverance from Egypt was only an instance of political liberation. Some of the more recent radically oriented editions of the haggadah tend to stress this factor — at the expense of the festival's deeper meaning.

The Jewish people achieved their passport to freedom in order to actualize a new phase in their nationbuilding. While there was undoubtedly a political component in this exercise, the spiritual dimension loomed much larger.

Passover is the festival of freedom; the freedom referred to, however, is a much broader one than is normally conceived of in mere political terms. For the people of Israel, newly emerged from Egyptian bondage, freedom meant the learning of a higher religious plane of existence, one characterized by the law of Torah.

The annual rehearsal of the Passover drama serves then to remind us that freedom can never be equated with licence. On the contrary, from the Jewish perspective, it implies a higher form of discipline.

Accordingly, the religiously disciplined life is the truly free one because it gives meaningful expression to man's inner needs. This year when we sit at the Passover seder and drink the four cups of wine which commemorate the Torah's formulas for liberation and salvation, let us remember that both political and spiritual aspects are being enunciated.

Leave PLO out

The hijacking of an Egged bus in Israel last week by one of the terrorist groups that make up the PLO is one more reason why Canada should have nothing to do with that evil gang of murderers.

The recognition given the PLO's Zehdi Terzi [CJN April 12] by a committee of the Canadian Senate undoubtedly gave encouragement to his followers to continue their attacks on innocent civilians — a favored way for the PLO to fight — and it's time we expressed our disgust instead of playing footsie with them.

We hate to say this but we fear that there's no way the civilized world can ever deal with the PLO. What with kids as young as 16 taking part in the hijacking, one realizes that an entire generation of young Arabs is growing up with only one purpose in life: to kill Jews. Surely our government and the arms of government don't want to deal with that type of person! It's obvious that the members of the PLO are outlaws . . . and should be treated as such.

We are all in favor of Canada trying to develop a sensible policy for dealing with the Middle East but our suggestion is to leave the PLO out of the plans. Wooing the PLO does not support the cause of peace.

Tay-Sachs the most common

Genetic diseases strike Ashkenazim

A Jewish policeman in Pueblo, Colorado, about 1900. [From the American Jewish Album]

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

They're genetic time bombs, threatening Ashkenazic Jews with mental retardation, stunted growth, convulsions, severe emaciation and, in some cases, early death.

For reasons which scientists have yet to determine, Ashkenazic Jews are afflicted by seven genetic diseases which are inherited.

Often, the parent who transmits the disease to an offspring is not aware of any family history of imperiled health. And a general practitioner in a Jewish community can practice a lifetime without diagnosing a single case of a Jewish genetic disease.

The diseases are: Tay-Sachs, Gaucher's, Bloom's syndrome, Familian dysautonomia, Musolipidosis IV, Niemann-Pick and Dystonia.

According to an article in The American Jewish Week and The American Examiner, Tay-Sachs is the most common disease.

But the other six remain so unfamiliar that sufferers often show symptoms for years before getting an accurate diagnosis.

The diseases, which are usually relatively rare, can strike anyone.

- Tay-Sachs affects the nervous system and can retard and reverse infant development — resulting in seizures, blindness, total debilitation and eventually death.
- Gaucher's is a metabolic disorder which can lead to bone and joint pain, fractures and other orthopedic problems, blood abnormalities and impaired blood clotting.
- Bloom's syndrome brings stunted growth, skin problems and respiratory tract and ear infections, some life-threatening. The disease carries with it an increased risk of cancer and reduced male fertility.
- Familian dysautonomia occurs typically among Jewish children of Polish extraction. Victims don't have tears, can't feel pain and have respiratory and swallowing problems. They may suffer from poor motor coordination, stunted growth, speech problems, drooling and curvature of the spine. Life span is generally shortened.
- Musolipidosis IV leads to profound retardation and near blindness. Children born with this extremely rare disease appear normal except for clouded corneas.
- Niemann-Pick has several distinct forms, one of which predominantly affects Jewish children. Symptoms include massive spleen enlargement, striking emaciation and an irreparable disorder of the central nervous system. Victims die before the age of 3 years.
- Dystonia causes victims to lose control over a muscle, a group of muscles or the entire body musculature. Muscles contract into unnatural positions, and the disease is frequently progressive. Intellect is always spared and, indeed, Dystonia has been correlated with higher-than-average intelligence.

The Mount Sinai Medical Center, in Manhattan, has one of the world's largest research and patient care programs for genetic diseases. Researchers there say there are screening tests for Tay-Sachs, Gaucher's and Musolipidosis IV.

Regrettably, the complex detection test for Niemann-Pick is not always accurate. And there are apparently no carrier tests for the balance of Jewish genetic diseases, because defects in the metabolic structure of the cell, which cause a given disease, have not been identified as yet.

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BY GEORGE!

Strange but true — Boy George, the androgynous, long-haired pop star of Culture Club, the band currently sweeping the charts, is certainly an odd presence in the eyes of a post-pubescent person getting on in years.

The Jewish Chronicle of London reports that, although he is not Jewish, Boy George has been known to wear an Orthodox streimel, or a T-shirt bearing the words Culture Club in Hebrew.

Jewish Chief Rabbi Sir Immanuel Jakobovits was asked by the Chronicle to remark on Boy George, and here is part of his reply:

". . . I really have no 'official' comment to make about Boy George's appearance. I think this is a very subjective matter of taste and sentiment. To me, the odd outfit is not appealing, and I could think of better ways 'for trying to integrate some Jewish culture into his group' . . ."

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U.S. JEWISH HISTORY BEGINS

In 1654, 23 Spanish and Portuguese Jews from Brazil landed in the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam, eager to begin new lives. But the reception meted out to them by Peter Stuyvesant, the governor, was far from warm.

Describing the Jewish settlers as representatives of a "deceitful race," Stuyvesant petitioned the West India Company to eject them from New Amsterdam. The directors of the company, cognizant of a counter petition by Jewish stockholders, refused to accede to Stuyvesant's request.

The Jews of New Amsterdam — later to be renamed New York City — were granted the right to "live and remain" there.

And so began Jewish history in what was to become the U.S.

To commemorate the 350th anniversary of the Jews' arrival on American shores, Allon Schoener, a museum consultant and designer, has produced a dazzling coffee-table book entitled The American Jewish Album: 1654 To The Present. [Rizzoli International Publications, $45.]

Schoener, whose own family has its roots in Vilna, provides a panoramic, colorful and educational picture of the development of a great Jewish community. The American Jewish Album, to which he contributes an engaging forward, consists of documents, letters and essays, as well as lavish photographs and illustrations.

Henry Feingold, a noted historian, writes of the Jewish experience in America in a long introduction that is usually perceptive. Says he: "In one sense American Jewry can be viewed as the latest manifestations of an ancient evolving religious civilization. Much of what makes American Jewry distinctive, its elevated ethical principles, its belief in the perfectability of man and the society in which he lives, are drawn from this preexisting/coexisting religious civilization."

A reviewer, constrained by space limitations, has some difficulty reviewing such a comprehensive volume. However, one's eye fastens on certain selections which tend to impart a balanced view of American Jewry since the beginning in the 17th century.

Abigail Frank's 1743 letter expressing disappointment over the marriage of her daughter to a Christian highlights a phemenon that occurs inevitably in a democratic society. "I can hardly hold my pen whilst I am writing," she told her son, Naphtali.

In 1791, Rebecca Samuels, living in Petersburg, Virginia, wrote her parents in Germany of the difficulties involved in maintaining Jewish traditions in rural America. "Dear parents," she begins, "I know quite well you will not want me to bring up my children like Gentiles. Here they cannot become anything else."

America could be good, but also bad, for a Jew.

Gershom Mendes Sexias of Philadelphia said in 1798: "It hath pleased God to have established us in this country where we possess every advantage . . ." But in 1815, William Meredith Nathan Nathans asks a sponsor if Harvard University will overlook his religion, "as I understand they are very strict."

The New York Commercial Advertiser, in 1822, encourages German Jews to immigrate to America, observing that a new Jewish generation "would be free from those errors generally imputed to Jews."

As the 19th century goes forward, so do Jews.

There is a letter from a Jewish miner, circa 1851, describing his adventures as he makes his way to the California gold rush. A Jewish soldier in the Union army claims there are more Jews in the armed forces than is imagined. A Russian Jew tells of a miserable ocean crossing to Jew York.

A woman voices indignation at working conditions in Lower East Side sweatshops. Louis Marshall, a founder of the American Jewish Committee, sets down his trenchant observations on the 1915 lynching of Leo Frank.

With the 20th century in full swing, Elmer Rice, the playwright, goes to Hollywood and writes about it. President Franklin Roosevelt's letters to his advisor, Judge Samuel Rosenman, are revealing, as is Henry Ford's missive on anti-semitism.

All in all, an enlightening journey through time.

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Opinion

Most powerful hero in biblical history

Moses remained a human being with many flaws

By
DOROTHY OPAS

Every day of his life, the pious Jew states: "I believe with perfect faith that the prophecy of Moses, our teacher (peace be unto him), was true and that he was the chief of the prophets, both of those that preceded and of those that followed him." This is the 7th of the Thirteen Principles of Faith, formulated by Maimonides.

Each year, at Passover, we teach our children the story of the Exodus from Egypt, explaining how Moses, our great leader, pleaded with Pharaoh and — with God's help — led the children of Israel from slavery to freedom.

But who was this great prophet and leader?

Moses was a mere man, from the most humble beginnings. The first mention of his parentage in the Bible simply states that a man from the house of Levi took a woman from the house of Levi. Later we learn that his father was Amram, grandson of Levi who married his aunt, Yochoved, Levi's daughter.

When we read the list of prohibited marriages laid down in Leviticus 18:12, this renders Moses an illegitimate child — that of a forbidden union. It is an unpleasant revelation, but it helps validate those who believe in the divine origin of the Torah, because if Moses or any other human had written it, this fact would surely have remained hidden.

Most people know the story of Moses' childhood. He was born in Egypt at a time when the cruel Pharaoh ruled that all newborn male Hebrew children must be slain. Left adrift on the waters of the Nile, he was found by Pharaoh's daughter who took him to the palace, raising him as her son. Grown up, he defended the Hebrew slaves, and killed an Egyptian taskmaster who was abusing a Jew . . . an act which forced him to flee to Midian.

But why would he have such feeling for his people if he had been reared as an Egyptian from infancy?

First, his natural mother was his nurse until he was quite a lad, giving her the chance to instil in him the belief in one God. We assume she also told him the sacred traditions of Israel and the divine promise to deliver the Jews from Egyptian bondage.

In addition, as the adopted son of a princess, he must have had the best education available — probably at Heliopolis, which helped him become a leader of men.

We can only assume that when the priests wanted to initiate him into their idolatry, he remembered his mother's teachings and resisted.

The memory of these same moral laws must have caused him to kill the Egyptian who flogged a Hebrew slave. Moses was filled with compassion as he watched people groaning beneath their burdens. However, even the princess would not have been able to save him from punishment, so he fled to Midian in the southwestern part of Sinai, beyond Egyptian jurisdiction.

Moses became a shepherd to the flocks of the pagan priest, Jethro, and married his daughter.

We are taught that God never gives an exalted office to a man unless he has first been tested in small things. Moses saw a lamb escape from the flock to a stream where it quenched its thirst. He said: "Had I known that thou wast thirsty, I would have taken thee in my arms and carried thee thither." A heavenly voice resounded: "As thou livest, thou art fit to shepherd Israel." (Midrash)

In the episode of the burning bush, he was also nominated as God's agent to liberate his people. When Moses was told by God to plead with Pharaoh to let his people go, he felt completely unfit for such a task. Already an old man of 80, God rebuked him for he had God's assurance that He would be with him. Moses was also hesitant because he was not eloquent, having spent years in the great silent spaces of the desert, and he could only stammer forth the message of freedom.

However, he was commanded to return to Egypt to ask Pharaoh to set the slaves free, with his brother Aaron as spokesman. The Midrash tells us it took God seven days to convince him.

Leaving the calm of the desert he plunged into the whirlpool of history. Despite their bondage, the Jews were not really ready to leave Egypt any more than Pharaoh was ready to let them go. The 10 plagues followed one another rapidly and in the end not only the Jews left hurriedly, but a number of non-Jewish slaves went with them, racing against time to escape Egypt.

Statue of Moses in solid silver by well known contemporary Jerusalem artist Ya'akov Heller. A statue by the U.S.-born artist illustrating the biblical prophecy, "the wolf will dwell with the lamb," was presented by former Prime Minister Menachem Begin to the late Egyptian president, Anwar Sadat.

When the Jews safely crossed the Red Sea, Moses began to sing — the most lyrical poem in Scripture.

Seven weeks later, came the unique event when God spoke directly to Moses at Mount Sinai and revealed His Law. He spoke not of theology or the wonders of the universe He had created, but of man's relationship to man, of one's duties towards others.

When Moses returned to his people with the Ten Commandments and found them worshipping the Golden Calf, he was so angry he was ready to kill . . . he never knew what to expect from this "stiffnecked people" he was leading. They had seen God at work and learned nothing from it. Perhaps sharing something with assimilated Jews today, they still yearned for the fleshpots of Egypt!

Moses castigated his people often and severely. But he also defended them against their enemies, and at times even against God. He was both God's emissary to Israel and Israel's to God. Yet he remained a human being, with many flaws — he had no supernatural powers. He had a temper, and he was punished for it. He lived according to the biblical count to 120, and spent his last hour blessing the tribes of Israel.

He and his generation were forbidden to enter the Promised Land but he died overlooking the land. Escorted by the priest Eleazar and his son Pinhas, followed by Joshua, he climbed Mount Nebo. The Midrash tells us he left them behind, climbed to the top and lay down and God silently kissed his lips. "And the soul of Moses found shelter in God's breath and was swept away into eternity."

Nobody knows his resting place and nobody was present at his death.

Moses was the most solitary and most powerful hero in biblical history. Among comparisons made by historians, one of the most interesting is with Muhammad because of the many roles both undertook. Moses had an immense task and he changed the course of history — after him, nothing was ever the same again.

[From WZPS]

Scripture source of inner healing, growth

Old Testament characters carried heavy burdens

[Excerpts from a sermon preached by RABBI DOW MARMUR, senior rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, at Toronto's Timothy Eaton Memorial Church on March 25.]

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I derive great comfort from the lesson from the Old Testament, read here this morning. The account of how Moses loses his cool and, under pressure from the people he was to lead, strikes the rock in anger, instead of merely touching it in wonder and in submission to God's miraculous power, is helpful to all of us who so often have given vent to impulses rather than acted prudently and piously.

If the great Moses could not control himself, what can I expect of myself? Surely, I cannot aspire to greater things than he was able to accomplish!

The message that he was punished for his anger and, according to later accounts in Scripture, was prevented from entering the Promised Land is very sad. It also gives rise to the question whether the harshness of God's punishment was not out of proportion to Moses' misdemeanor.

Yet, that, too brings consolation, for it suggests that when we feel that we are unjustly punished by God, we can take comfort from the fact that even Moses, God's faithful servant and closer to Him than any other man in the Hebrew Bible, was also the victim of divine overreaction.

If he could take it, so must you and I; if he could argue with God, as he did, so may we. Ultimately, it is apathy, not anger, that makes for faithlessness.

Thanks to Moses and all the other Old Testament characters, invariably portrayed as fallible human beings, I am able to live with myself in the knowledge that even they did not live up to God's expectations and even they had to carry burdens which, perhaps, they did not deserve.

What longterm therapy may do for the secularist, even a superficial reading of Holy Writ can accomplish for the religionist. Whatever else Scripture is, it is also a source of healing and inner growth, based not on abstract theory but on concrete narrative, not on lengthy explanations but on biographic testimony.

If these reflections point to a psychological understanding of our text, let me turn to its theological foundations, as described in Rabbi Daniel Jeremy Silver's fascinating book, Images of Moses. Silver addresses himself to the question why the Hebrew Bible goes out of its way to describe its heroes in such very human terms, making them consistently less than perfect, more like the people we know and are.

He calls his first chapter on Moses "The Diminished Hero" and writes as follows: "Though common sense seems to require the assumption that Moses must have been a great leader, literature is other than life, and the Torah was written as a special kind of literature, not as ordinary history. It does not tell of a Great Man who rallied a slave community, led them from Egypt, gave them their God and their code of laws, and finally led them to the Promised Land. This is precisely **not** the thrust of the biblical narrative.

It tells the story of the Great God Who redeemed a motley of slaves from Egypt, revealed to them His name, gave them their law, provisioned them in the empty wilderness and led them to the Land that He had promised them."

It is to make this point again and again that Moses and the others are depicted as very human persons. For it is only God that has absolute power. Even at his best, Moses is only a servant in the Court of the King of Kings, a tool in the divine scheme of things. The distance between Moses and God remains the distance between every man and his Maker.

Silver also knows how different people have found it throughout history to accept the sovereignty of God. Therefore, in their quest for alternative leadership and direction, they have tended to elevate men far above their station making them perfect, although they were not, and thus implying that all humans, even you and I, have the potential for such perfection. Whereas the Moses of flesh and blood in the Bible enables me to **live** with myself, the idealized Moses of later traditions forces me constantly to **surpass** myself with all the frustrations and disappointment that this futile effort entails.

The major part of Silver's book is devoted to showing how different ages created a Moses according to their own needs, often in sharp contrast to the biblical accounts. That is why he calls his book Images of Moses. For what different ages have done is to present Moses in their own idealized image, instead of seeking to model themselves on the Moses whom Scripture does not see as a perfect man but as a holy man.

These images that make the biblical character more than he is, are, for all their overt piety, a challenge, at times even a negation, of the faith that permeated the biblical authors. By making Moses no larger than any human being can be, the Bible made room for God, who alone is perfect. By fabricating human characters who are perfect and ideal, subsequent generations have diminished, and at times even totally removed, the space that can only be God's.

By questioning these images and seeking to turn to the biblical Moses — even the angry old man that he is in our text — I am not only better equipped to live with myself, but also more able to live with God and make room for Him in my life. To accept oneself in one's imperfect humanity is the beginning of reaching out to the perfect God.

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I am conscious and fearful of the fact that what I have said so far could be misunderstood as an expression of Jewish-Christian polemics. But that is most emphatically not my purpose. The fact that the passage from Exodus was read in synagogue when it came in the weekly cycle only recently, and that the same passage was read in church today is a pointer to the common ground between the two.

It suggests that as much as separates us — and we must trust each other sufficiently not to sweep our differences under the carpet — there is so much that we have in common, not just the fact that the Hebrew Bible of the synagogue is the Old Testament of the church, but also that so much of the teachings of this Book constitutes our common heritage.

I have tried to point to two aspects of this common ground as they arise out of the story of Moses: firstly, psychological insight about the folly and limitations of men and women, even the greatest among us; secondly, the theological insight that affirms God's infinite greatness over man's inescapable limitations.

If biblical psychology helps us, Christians and Jews, to find one another in our common humanity, so biblical theology enables us to articulate the common faith that binds us.

The mere fact that only yesterday I could speak in a similar vein, albeit on a different subject and in a different context, in my own synagogue is indicative of what we have in common — not only socio-economically as a result of being neighbors, but also psychologico-theologically as a result of being brothers and sisters in faith . . .

Those of us who are ready to test our beliefs in action invariably find that, recognizing what we have in common, in no way diminishes or ignores that which divides us. On the contrary. We are strengthened in our own faith through each encounter.

This morning, as we look at the character of Moses to discern what Jews and Christians share, we are strengthened in our resolve to cultivate the common ground and find in it new sustenance for that which is uniquely our own. As we testify we also pray that peoples of all faith may find their roots in their respective traditions by affirming that which they share with others: common, frail, humanity on the one hand; total dependence on God's greatness, goodness and justice on the other.

The anger of the old man Moses comes to us as a gift to help us to integrate our own anger and achieve a measure of peace with ourselves and with God. It is the greatest gift that life can offer us. Today, in gratitude and humility, we celebrate this gift and pray that our common heritage may always be our common bond.

Opinion

How a local boy made good

Open door, filled cup, warm hospitality greet Elijah

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

We in Haifa take a special interest in Elijah, for he made his home here for many years.

He has sometimes been likened to Santa Claus, so prominent in Christian consciousness at Christmas time. Prof. Sol Liptzin notes, however, that unlike Santa Claus, "Elijah does not have to steal into homes through chimneys, even when bringing gifts. For Elijah, the front door is opened, the cup of wine is filled, and warm hospitality is extended, even if he enters as a beggar, and brings no gifts."

When we first came to live in Haifa, I used to take our children for walks across the Carmel, which in effect meant our back yard. The little ones were deeply impressed when I pointed out that the stones they were kicking out of their path might have been the very ones which Elijah the Prophet had also kicked aside when he lived here.

The prophet Elijah being fed by the ravens beside the brook Cherith. [I Kings 17:6]. From the Leon Bible, Spain, 1162.

Though Elijah is generally accepted as the legendary patron of Haifa, the only civic facility which bears his name is a very modest stone-stepped alley, leading from Abbas St. to Stella Maris Rd. Better known, of course, is Elijah's Cave, but the local resident will at once ask which one you mean. There are two of them.

The one recognized by the Christians is the cave over which the Carmelite monastery is built on top of the mountain. It is a rather small excavation in the rock, located just behind the church altar. The other Cave of Elijah, situated almost at the foot of the Carmel, where the mountain comes closest to the sea, is accepted by Jews and Moslems as the genuine site. Tens of thousands of "believers" come here each year seeking miracles to solve some of their personal problems. Some of the supplicants camp out in the area.

Perhaps the highest peak of the Carmel range is known by its Arab name, Mukhreka, the place of the burning. Legend marks this as the site of Elijah's famous duel with the false prophets of Baal. It was here that fire came down from heaven and consumed his sacrifice to God, to the discomfiture of the Baal worshippers, who had failed in their own efforts.

We visit the place often. Today a paved road leads all the way to the top, where another Carmelite monastery is located. This one is truly isolated. Its only water supply is what is saved from the winter rains, or trucked up the mountainside. It generates its own electricity. There is no telephone.

The view from here is magnificent, commanding almost all of northern Israel. One of the guide books reports that the heroic statue of Elijah located in the monastery courtyard is new, since the original one had been destroyed by Arab forces in Israel's War of Independence. The Arabs believed that the Jewish prophet was defending his people, and they were taking no chances.

We queried Bishara Suida, who has for many years been the caretaker of the monastery. He had a different story. The old statue had been made of plaster, and after some 75 years of weathering and tourist assaults, it had simply crumbled away.

Melon-shaped rocks makes one wonder about Elijah tale

Only a handful of monks live there now. The rainwater gathered in the cistern is more than enough for their purposes, Suida told us, but they have been begging the government (ministry of religions) to put in a water pipeline to meet the needs of the many tourists. As we spoke, a bus drove in with French-speaking visitors from Canada. They had come to say Mass.

One of the loveliest of the Elijah legends (and there are many) tells of the hot summer day the Prophet went out for a walk on the Carmel. He became thirsty, and seeing a field of ripe, juicy melons, he asked the farmer if he could have one.

Replied the farmer: "Melons? Those are just rocks!"

"Very well," said Elijah. "Let them be rocks," and on the spot all the melons were transformed into rocks.

Legend? Well, on our walks around the Carmel we have come across melon-shaped rocks which, when split open, look exactly like fossilized melons inside. Scientists tell us that these are geodes, defined as hollow stones lined with crystals.

Maybe! To us they are Elijah's melons, and we shall be happy to show them to visitors.

Opinions split on report to fight group defamation

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A report recommending changes to Ontario laws to combat group defamation (CJN April 25) has elicited a lukewarm response.

A B'nai B'rith spokesman told The CJN the report is a move in the right direction even though it is fraught with problems, while the Opposition Liberals pointed to "government inertia" in implementing similar recommendations which have been available for some time and a spokesman for the Canadian Jewish Congress expressed qualified support for the report.

The national director of the League for Human Rights of BB, Alan Shefman, told The CJN the report was a "most articulate and thorough job," but expressed concern in its implementation. "It's time to see some actions," Shefman said.

The national director of the Joint Community Relations Committee of the CJC, Ben Kayfetz, said his initial overall impression was a "favorable one," though he expressed some reservations as to how effective the proposals would be in moving quickly against purveyors of hate propaganda.

The report — entitled Group Defamation — sets out three lines of attack for those who are the subject of hate propaganda. The author of the report, lawyer Patrick Lawlor, writes that two of the approaches — the creation of a tort of [group] discrimination and amending the Libel and Slander Act — would not, for a number of constitutional and procedural reasons be as helpful as the third approach — amending the Ontario Human Rights Code.

The latter approach, which the attorney-general also appears to be favoring, would make use of the existing mechanisms of the Human Rights Commission to first try "to heal wounds not by punitive and vindicative sanctions, but by persuasions and conciliation."

Amendments to Criminal Code best way to go

Failing that, a hearing could be invoked which could order any party who has contravened the act by publishing hate material to cease and desist and rectify any injuries he may have caused.

"We have no difficulty in having a civil procedure as well as a criminal procedure" to use against disseminators of hate propaganda, Shefman said. But, he added, "we feel that the prime way to go" is through amendments to the Criminal Code.

"There are problems in proceeding under the Human Rights Code," Shefman said. "Right now the Commission is facing a backlog of cases and is finding it difficult to keep up with the load. They're doing a great job, but this proposal would create a further backlog."

A second problem, he said, is that "it's based on conciliation. But how are you going to conciliate with people who promote hate?" he asked.

Kayfetz agreed that even an amended Human Rights Code would have limited applicability.

"I think the idea of using the Human Rights Commission is good for certain kinds of cases," he said. "I wouldn't want to put the dyed-in-the-wool hatemongers into the jurisdiction of the Commission. They should be dealt with under the criminal law. But for a wide variety of cases where people trespass into areas of hate propaganda where they didn't realize it but they do cause offence, it would be appropriate," provided they can get around the problem of a timely resolution to the dispute.

Lawlor told The CJN the intervention of the Human Rights Commission would "simply give a more efficacious procedure for racially maligned groups. The Jewish community sees that the Criminal Code provisions are not working," he said. "I'm opening another door."

But he agreed there are "many instances that won't work" where the hate propaganda is more severe and threatens the targeted group. Still, he said, "a choice could be made by some offended group to proceed either in the cheaper, more expeditious means in civil law" or, if the group felt the matter was grave enough, to try to send it to the criminal courts.

The director of communications of the attorney-general's office, David Allen, told The CJN attorney-general Roy McMurtry has made the issue a "very high priority."

McMurtry "wants something to put before his colleagues later this spring," he said, "but legislatively it's a difficult area to get at. It's a question of being careful anytime you restrict people's rights of public expression. You have to tread carefully and be sure you're not coralling legitimate public views to get at madmen."

Shefman agreed that "we're up against the argument of abridgement of freedom of speech and penalizing people for thinking. But we're talking about material that's a form of group libel. The Holocaust denial is made only to promote anti-semitism," he said.

A spokesman for the Ontario Liberals, Mordechai Ben-Dat, told The CJN not to expect quick passage of the report's recommendations as law.

The government hasn't moved on similar recommendations in the past, he said. "That's in keeping with their philosophy of reform through baby steps and increments. The attorney-general is genuinely interested to effect change," he said, but there's no courage to do it in one fell swoop."

Because the issue generally has a low profile in the press and in the public mind, "it's the advocacy groups that have to pound the doors to affect the slow pace of change of the government," he said.

TORAH SECURITY

Rabbi Emanuel Holzer, left, demonstrates how Torahs are to be encoded with a set of micro-perforations that will create a permanent record that officials hope will stem the recent rash of thefts and desecrations. Looking on are Rabbi Israel Miller, centre, honorary chairman of the Universal Torah Registry and Malcolm Hoenlien, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York.

Opinion

70 years later, "Thank you" to Quebec City

By
J. B. SALSBERG

It seems, my dear and respected readers, that time and circumstances have cooperated to bring the epic of my family's long and crisis-ridden journey to a happy ending in the Passover issue of this journal. How appropriate.

J. B. Salsberg

So let us hasten to the chapter that tells of our own exodus, our own crossing of the last, obstructive sea and the triumphant conclusion with the help of the blessed Jewish community of Quebec City so many decades ago.

You remember how we were favored (due to heavenly intervention, of course), with a kindly, non-Jewish railroad news vendor who volunteered to be our guide out of the cruelly-imposed return journey to Quebec City. And guide us he did from darkness and uncertainty to the shining, welcoming light that burned brilliantly in a Quebec City Jewish home. This is what that "righteous Gentile" did.

We — my mother, the two little ones and I — were all packed and ready (as must have been our ancient ancestors when they awaited Moses' call to begin the exodus) well before the train reached the Quebec City station.

He, our savior, carried his own bundles while we followed him carrying ours. Inside the station he asked us to remain with our bundles until he returned. After half an hour or so, he returned without his bundles and told us that the stationmaster had argued to let us spend the night in his private office. Our good Samaritan led us there and, leaving us, he assured us also that he would be with us in the morning to guide us on our way.

Once inside and alone we, mother and I, carefully locked the office door and, for additional protection, moved every movable bit of furniture to blockade the entrance against intruders. We bedded down as well as we could and turned off the light.

But we were still wide awake in the dark chamber when we were thrown into a panic by a knock on the door. "Who is there?" my mother asked in Polish, since that was the only non-Yiddish language she knew. It was the news vendor who answered, also in Polish. But, my mother reasoned, what could he want at this hour of the night? And she hesitated to open the door.

But our attitude changed miraculously when a female voice from the other side said in Yiddish; "Efnt di tier, mir zeinen Yidden." Those words were like sweet music to our ears and we turned on the lights, dismantled the barricade in front of the door and opened it to let our visitors, the news vendor and two Jewish women, into the office that had been transformed into a bedroom.

The news vendor, we were told, went to a Jewish family in his neighborhood and told them about us and our difficulties. The woman of the household decided that she "would not allow a young immigrant Jewish mother with her three little ones sleep on an office floor." She aroused a friend and, shepherded by the good Samaritan, they came to bring us to their homes. How wonderful life became suddenly!

We all dressed, packed our belongings once again and, with each of the rescuing party carrying a portion of our baggage we were transported from, as they say, darkness to light and from isolation to the warmth and hospitality of a Jewish home in Quebec City.

By then it was quite late. But, of course, we had to "eat something." And, of course, my mother had to relate every detail of our unusally long journey before we and the entire household, went to sleep.

In the morning we were treated to a home-cooked, kosher "Canadian" breakfast and were visited by a number of local Jewish men and women who had heard of our presence.

Later that morning we, the buffeted tiny remnant of the loins of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, were escorted in grand Jewish style to the railway station. The hospitable group of Quebec City Jews did not leave us before the train (the right one this time) began gliding out of the station and not before they assured us that they arranged for a Jew to await us in Montreal and take us to "the other railway station" where we would transfer to a Toronto-bound train.

The Quebec City Jews were as good as their word. When the train reached Montreal there certainly was a Jewish man to receive us. Whether he was from Jewish Immigrant Aid Services or not I shall never know. But there he was, speaking Yiddish to us, and taking us by trolley to "the other station" (it was, as I later learned, the old Bonaventure Station). He led us to the proper platform, told us not to leave the place and to wait till a train arrived on the empty track in front of us . . . and to enter the train immediately thereafter.

Early next morning our long trek to the promised land came to a happy ending in Toronto's old Union Station (on Front St. facing Simcoe St.) and my mother preferred a horse-drawn instead of a motor cab to bring us to our home.

The memory of our reception in Quebec City never left me. Ten years ago, when addressing a Jewish assembly in that ancient city, I acquainted the sons and daughters of the parents who were so hospitable to us, of the unforgettable parents they had. And now, three score and ten years later I say again: Thank you, Jews of Quebec City, and long may you perpetuate the virtues of your ancestors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cuationed not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters.

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TORIES WOO JEWISH VOTE

I have no hesitation in believing that Bernard Finestone is a dedicated Montreal Tory. I take issue with his suggestion in the March 15 Letters column ("Kicks politico's football") that politicians should not use Jewish issues to play politics.

I suggest his suggestion comes too late for these two reasons:

Consider the fact that Tory Leader Brian Mulroney instigated that very same policy at various gatherings when he declared his party an "ally of Israel" [until he was faced with the reality of Canadian Arab influence].

And consider the fact that Mulroney is still using the same rose garden promises with Jews, Ukrainians, ethnics, and women.

Therefore, it is hardly realistic to expect politicians of other parties to resist doing the same when invited to speak to Jewish organizations.

Albert Miller
Toronto

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CAN GENTILES BE A RABBI?

The March 22 report on Reform Rabbi Elyse Goldstein's lecture was enlightening. It would seem, though, that her presentation needs corrections.

She claimed that there are halachic problems about women performing certain religious functions. Orthodox halachic authorities are unanimous that there is no difference whatsoever between male or female Reform rabbis when it comes to such functions. Both are judged the same!

In any case, since halacha is not binding upon Reform, what difference should such problems make to them anyway?

As for the allegation that "there is no place in the Talmud or the Torah that says women can't be rabbis," I suggest consultation of Sifre on Deut. 17:15, and T. Jer. Sanhedrin 3:9, clearly prohibiting the appointment of women as judges or communal leaders. To be appointed rabbis, in the sense of teachers, is precluded by the Mishnah Sotah 3:4.

Even if the allegation had been correct, the question remains: If there would be an explicit prohibition in the Torah, would that make any difference? There are clear laws about mikveh, divorce, kashruth, which Reform declared irrelevant.

Any reference to Torah, Talmud, or halacha, thus is absurd.

For that matter: Where in the Torah is it stated that a Gentile cannot perform rabbinical functions? The implications of this argument are self-evident.

Yitzchak Y. Schochet
Toronto

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Heidi Bauman amuses son Binyamin with her homemade Mitzvah Mobile. [Ronny Shinder photo]

LOVE THOSE MITZVAH MOBILES

Re Frank Rasky's delightful March 22 article headed "Mitzvah Mobiles keep kids happy," about Heidi Bauman's new business of creating hanging mobiles shaped like Judaica artifacts, inspired by the birth of her baby, Binyamin Moshe:

Our new baby daughter loves the Mitzvah Mobiles she received as a gift shortly after she was born. She spends many happy hours smiling as she lies underneath it. It's so colorful and full of happy Jewish symbols, that now all my children want one. My husband and I are pleased that our daughter is enjoying Jewish objects from the formative early years on.

I find them artistically and beautifully designed and would recommend them to all Jewish parents.

Please publish a picture of Mrs. Bauman and her mobile-playing Binyamin.

Claire Smukler
Thornhill, Ont.

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LET'S HEAR IT FOR FRED

The March 29 Montreal edition carries on the back page a photo of Fred Oberlander, accompanied by a reference indicating that Fred was recently accorded the highest honor awarded to a non-participating athlete at the Olympic Games in Sarajevo.

This is an international award, not accorded to many athletes. The fact that Fred is also Jewish and Canadian should have placed an announcement of this magnitude into the Toronto edition of CJN, and definitely, closer to the front.

Oberlander was one of the most honored Jewish athletes during his competing years. Today, he diverts a lot of this energy towards youth as a director of Maccabi and active leader of the YM-YWHA.

Suffice to say, Fred is not only an elite Jewish Canadian athlete, but a super person as well. Let's give him the kind of recognition he deserves.

Sherry Stein
Montreal

Editor's note: We did indeed carry a big picture and story saluting Fred Oberlander in our Toronto edition. But we're pleased to join you in offering kudos to him again.

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COMPLAINT ON COMPLAINT STORY

Re your March 29 article headed, "Israeli women complain of unequal treatment":

The evening was part of Israeli Week, sponsored by (correction) the Youth & Hechalutz Department, Maccabi Canada and the JCC.

I take issue with the reporter on the following:

1. The four Israeli ladies on the panel were not complaining.

2. The married women (who are also mothers) accept the fact that there are jobs to be done both in the army and other businesses, that are given to men, for their own safety and the good of the family structure.

3. It was not Mrs. Kochan (born and raised in the city) who said Israel is far behind Canada with regards to equal opportunities for women. It was someone who had attended this panel discussion who said Israel is about 15 years behind Canada with regard to equal opportunities for women.

4. Three other women on the panel also gave their biographical synopses, which were religiously different, coming from different social backgrounds, and different cultures. The reporter failed to mention that each of these three women has very positive feelings about the kibbutz on which they live, as well as the child rearing and the education in the children's quarters of the kibbutz.

Frances Kaufman
Toronto

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HER FOLKS HELPED HOSPITAL

I read with interest the March 8 article Nostalgia about the New Mount Sinai Hospital, on University Ave., because my father, Dr. David Perlman, was one of the 33 doctors, who was behind the move from the hospital on Yorkville Ave.

My father was born in 1893. He graduated from the Medical School of Toronto University in 1918 with Drs. Ben Cohen, Henry Feader, Bill Harris and Theodore Seigel.

He opened his medical office in 1919 at 355 Bathurst St., and also gave his time, often free, to the Yorkville hospital. He died in 1956.

My mother, who is now living in Hamilton, remembers that when the new hospital opened on University Ave., all the doctors' wives acted as ushers, giving tours through the hospital.

Geraldine Shapiro
Hamilton, Ont.

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CALLS EDITORIAL ABSURD

I differ strongly with your March 22 editorial, "End vote ploy."

You say that Jewish and Israel-related issues should not be discussed during the forthcoming federal election campaign. You state: "Canada's relationship with Israel and the number of Jewish cabinet ministers, senators . . . doesn't really enter into the political picture at this time."

I suggest this is patently absurd. **Now is precisely the time** — before an election, when candidates must take positions and espouse certain beliefs. Now we can discover where a candidate stands and vote accordingly.

Saulie Zajdel
Montreal

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ANCERL AND THE GHETTO

Re Miriam Chinsky's fine March 15 article headed "Czech orchestra appearance revives memories of conductor":

It describes how Karel Ancerl, conductor of the Toronto Symphony from 1969 to 1973, lost his wife, infant son and parents in the ovens of Auschwitz. I would like to add to this his own description, contained in 1965 book, of how he and his family were deported in 1942 to the ghetto Terezin (also called Theresienstadt):

"I formed an orchestra with instruments smuggled out of Prague. After a period of hard rehearsing, I gave a concert in the hall of the so-called cafe.

"A high official in SS uniform appeared to inspect if everything was going all right. Czech Quislings with film cameras appeared. This farce was filmed to show the world outside 'the ideal conditions' of our ghetto life.

"The following day the normal concert of our second program took place. Two days later, in October, 1944, all of us, together with 2,500 ghetto inmates, were sent in a transport to Auschwitz. Only a small fraction of the entire transport survived."

That was the real face of the ghetto Theresienstadt. It was a transit camp to the final solution.

Rena Rosenberger
Toronto

World-National

Embassy move to Jerusalem

Proposal to eliminate "inequity" has no deadline

WASHINGTON [JTA] — If Congress adopts the proposed legislation requiring the U.S. embassy in Israel to be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, the President would not have to make the shift immediately, Democrat Rep. Tom Lantos said last week.

Lantos, who introduced the bill in the House along with Republican Benjamin Gilman made this point in testifying before a joint hearing of the House foreign affairs committee's subcommittee on Europe and the Middle East and international operations.

He said not only does the bill "not set a deadline for action" but there are no "financially punitive measures," such as cutting off funds for the embassy if it is not moved.

Gilman and Lantos told the subcommittee that the House bill now has 220 co-sponsors, "a clear majority."

Republican Senator Arlen Specter who along with Democrat Senator Daniel Moynihan introduced a similar bill in the Senate, said 42 senators support the bill, nine short of a majority.

Lantos said that while he wants the embassy "physically moved," even if the only outcome is that "Congress expresses itself," that it wants to eliminate the "inequity" and "double standard" whereby Israel is the only country out of the 136 where the U.S. has embassies where the embassy is not in the nation's capital.

His remarks appear to lend credence to reports that supporters of the bill may be satisfied for the present with just congressional action. President Reagan has indicated that he would veto the legislation.

Quick action is not expected in either house or Congress. Both the Senate and the House have each held one hearing on the bill and both are scheduled to have at least one more.

Meanwhile, Lantos strongly criticized "the widely disseminated lobbying of some ambassadors" that if the embassy was moved it will result in terrorism against U.S. personnel and facilities in the Middle East.

"When I introduced this legislation, it was motivated by one principle — to right a wrong by rejecting a discriminatory double standard," Lantos said. "Now a second principle has become equally important. We must never allow U.S. policy to be dictated by timid bureaucrats conjuring up the spectre of terrorism."

He said that by failing to adopt the legislation, "we are inviting and encouraging extremists to threaten violence whenever they disagree with our policies. American foreign policy must never be held hostage to threat of blackmail."

Gilman also noted that "our actions will be limited indeed if we succumb to the dictates and threats of fanatics and extremists."

AJC urges more control on Jerusalem consulate

JERUSALEM [JTA] — The American Jewish Congress last week continued to urge that the U.S. consulate in East Jerusalem be placed under control of the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv but denied that it had "suggested" that the consulate and its staff "are anti-Israel or pro-PLO."

A statement to that effect was issued here by Henry Siegman, executive director of the AJCongress, whose leaders met in Jerusalem.

Siegman took issue with the sharp response by the state department and by un-named U.S. officials to accusations that the consulate was conducting "its affairs in a way that are inimical to Israel and American interests" and that its personnel have "overstepped the bounds of diplomatic decency" by alleged frequent meetings with Arabs who sympathize with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Those charges were contained in an article published in the Jerusalem Post April 1 by David Clayman, director of the AJCongress Israel office and Peretz Levine, a research intern.

The state department vigorously denied that the consulate in Jerusalem has been behaving improperly toward Israel and called the charges "totally misplaced and, indeed, irresponsible."

Siegman reiterated charges that the consulate acted in a manner that reflected pro-Arab bias. But, his statement said, "Our comments are directed not at consulate staff but at their activities which have focused on Palestinians who are in sympathy with the PLO and systematically avoided those who are not."

Claiming that this "suggests a policy of preference that is clearly at odds with the declared policy of the Reagan administration," Siegman stated: "It is that inconsistency in U.S. policy, as implied by the activities of the consulate in Jerusalem, that the American Jewish Congress criticized, and not the personal views of the consulate staff."

He observed: "We have no way of knowing the personal sentiments of consular staff on this subject, and therefore would have made no such accusations."

Siegman added, "We consider the characterization of our concern, by un-named U.S. officials in Israel as ridiculous, to be inappropriate and offensive. We also consider the suggestion that discussion of U.S. policy must be muted and repressed for fear of provoking violent reaction by unbalanced individuals as entirely inconsistent with how public policy is conducted in a democratic society. Indeed, such suggestions are themselves highly irresponsible, for they tend to become self-fulfilling prophecies."

The U.S. consulate in Jerusalem has offices in both the east and west sections of the city and deals directly with Palestinians on the West Bank. But unlike consulates in most other countries, it does not report to the embassy but to the state department in Washington.

This has long been a bone of contention between Israel and the U.S. but it was the AJCongress, not the Israel government, which raised the issue at this time.

Refusenik Kislak returns home

NEW YORK [JTA] — Prisoner of Conscience Vladimir Kislak, who had served one year in a labor camp and two years "working for the national economy," has returned to his home town in Kiev, it was reported recently by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry [NCSJ].

The 49-year-old physicist, who has been waiting 11 years to join his wife Evgeny and son Maksim in Israel, plans to renew his application to emigrate, the NCSJ reported.

Kislak was arrested in March, 1981, and sentenced two months later to three years in a labor camp for "malicious hooliganism." The sentence was changed in 1982.

According to the NCSJ, he participated in a Moscow seminar on Jewish culture in 1976. He was tried on a trumped-up charge of allegedly attacking a woman on a street. Aware that there were no witnesses to the supposed incident, the judge pronounced that they were "unnecessary because all the facts are known," the NCSJ said.

MDA starts campaign

MONTREAL — Magen David Adom, Israel's national emergency ambulance and first-aid service, has launched its annual Passover fund raising campaign across Canada.

Mort Rosenthal, the organization's national president, said the campaign is well-timed because of the recent terrorist incidents within the borders of Israel, which puts an increased burden on MDA's manpower, facilities and equipment.

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A Very Happy Passover

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Goldbloom brings faiths together

Hungary religious meet a move towards peace

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — While Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau was making final plans for his world peace mission, another Canadian was at work on his own, less grand, plan to bring people together. And the latter may eventually have more to show for his effort.

Dr. Victor Goldbloom, president of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ), as well as of the Canadian Council, has got the ball rolling for an unprecedented international conference of Jews and Christians in Budapest, Hungary.

In January, Goldbloom, his wife Sheila and the general secretary of the ICCJ, Dr. Jacobus Schonveld made an official visit to Hungary. With the assistance of the Canadian embassy, Goldbloom had a 1-hour meeting with the government minister responsible for religious affairs.

Favorable response

The minister responded favorably to Goldbloom's suggestion of an international interfaith meeting, and correspondence is now in progress between Goldbloom, the Jewish community of Budapest, and the bishop of the Hungarian Reform Church, Tibor Bartha, who was Goldbloom's host, to arrange the details of the conference.

"Without wanting to sound pretentious or naive, I would say this is a small contribution towards the achievement of peace in the world," said Goldbloom.

The intention is to hold the conference on a small scale within a carefully chosen agenda, he said. The last international interfaith conference held behind the Iron Curtain was in 1947 which led to the founding of the ICCJ.

"We are moving forward slowly, prudently, to do what is possible to maintain contact, especially at the grassroots, between the different faiths in these countries. There are still difficulties," said Goldbloom. Poland, for example, has steadfastly refused to consider any international contact for its religious communities.

Goldbloom also received the Hungarian official's agreement in principle to allow Christians and Jews from Hungary to attend the Geneva-based ICCJ's meetings. Goldbloom asked that young people be among those permitted to go out of the country for ICCJ activities for their age group.

The ICCJ is creating two seats on its executive committee for Eastern Europeans.

Goldbloom's interest in cultivating interfaith relations in Eastern Europe goes back to the fall of 1980 — before he was ICCJ president, but was a member of its executive — when he went to Czechoslovakia on a private visit. He used the opportunity to make contact with a number of religious groups in Prague, including the Jewish community. He met with the president of the Jewish community, Dr. Desider Galsky, and its general-secretary, Artur Radvanski, with whom he struck up a friendship.

The following summer Goldbloom invited the two men to the ICCJ's annual meeting in Heppenheim, West Germany, the first persons from a Communist country allowed to attend an ICCJ meeting. (Their trip was actually sponsored by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, of which Goldbloom was president by then.)

"The Jewish community of Czechoslovakia appears to be able to function religiously and socially without impediment, and, in fact, is supported by government grants," said Goldbloom, who returned to Czechoslovakia this year after his Hungarian visit.

There are about 6,000 Jews in Czechoslovakia, a remnant of the 123,000-member community which existed before World War II. The community is using only two of its eight synagogues, and the rest have been or are in the process of being restored as Jewish museums by the government, Goldbloom said. One of them, the Alt-Neu Schule, is the oldest continually functioning synagogue in Europe. The Jewish community centre has been built next door to it.

During the war, Hitler sent the contents of the synagogues the Nazis destroyed all over Europe to Prague where they were stored for a planned "Museum of Decadence." Some of these Judaic treasures are in The Precious Legacy exhibition, currently in New York on a North American tour.

This exhibition is but a tip of the iceberg of the extraordinary Judaica collection in Prague, said Goldbloom. One synagogue, for example, is devoted entirely to silverware.

The Czech government has established a department to study Jewish history, especially in Eastern Europe. Its two staff members, non-Jews, went to Israel a couple of years ago to do research and speak Hebrew, he said.

The government is also restoring some of the

Dr. Victor Goldbloom

tombstones in the huge, ancient Jewish cemetery in Prague.

During his first trip to Czechoslovakia, Goldbloom met with Roman Catholic Cardinal Tomaszek and asked what kind of contact his church had with the Jewish community. "He said he didn't have any, but had thought many times of taking an initiative. He had held back because he didn't know how he would be received.

"I assured him that the response would be favorable and the following day, true to his word, the cardinal contacted the Jewish community and dialogue continues."

In Hungary, Goldbloom found that Jews and Protestants, also a minority, already meet regularly through an "Ecumenical Peace Council." Before the war, there were 600,000 Jews in Hungary; today the official figure is 100,000 but Goldbloom believes anywhere from 65-85,000 is more accurate.

His main contact in the Jewish community was Rabbi Sandor Scheiber, director of the rabbinical academy in Budapest, which serves as the main supplier of rabbis in Eastern Europe.

Last year, three rabbis were sent to the Soviet Union (Moscow, Leningrad and Riga), and in recent years to Prague and East Berlin as well, said Goldbloom. Budapest is also the main source of shochets and matzoh for that part of the world.

"The Jewish community has extraordinary liberty," said Goldbloom." Its library houses the most amazing Jewish treasures, such as the original texts of Maimonides. "However, the building they are housed in is old and there is concern about fire. I spoke to Rabbi Sheiber about raising funds to ensure the safety of the books."

A very impressive Holocaust memorial has been built on the outskirts of Budapest, according to Goldbloom.

While in Budapest, Goldbloom was invited to speak from the pulpit to the congregation of the Reform Church. A local professor translated Goldbloom's address.

In Hungary, dialogue has been started between Christians and Marxists, and to a lesser degree between Jews and Marxists, said Goldbloom.

"As Bishop Bartha told me, the Hungarians have lived under the present regime for 40 years, and in recent years the believers — Christians and Jews — and the non-believers, those committed to Communist ideology, have come to the conclusion that neither will go away."

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Collenette praises govt. program

Fight for social equality called a great success

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The all-party parliamentary task force report on social equality (CJN April 5) is just "one step in an ongoing process dedicated to ensuring the evolution of a just, equitable, harmonious multicultural Canada," David Collenette told a meeting last week of representatives from Toronto's ethnic communities.

Collenette, the federal minister for multiculturalism, reviewed initiatives undertaken by the government during the past two years and called the program "one of the great Canadian success stories."

Government policy of eradicating racism is based on providing leadership to foster goodwill and cooperation among Canadians, Collenette added.

He recounted some of the government actions currently under way to deal with the problem, including a study of the position of visible minorities within the public service and the drafting of a Multiculturalism Act, to be tabled in May, that will provide a legislative basis for multicultural development.

The multiculturalism directorate is being upgraded to increase its effectiveness, Collenette said, but he added that creating a full-fledged ministry would "ghettoize the one-third of Canadians of ethnic origins" and be a move away from full cultural integration into Canadian society.

Collenette confirmed the federal government is "committed to affirmative action within government institutions," as recommended in the report, but he declined to make it mandatory for the private sector.

Collenette said federal policy towards the private sector is based on eliciting its cooperation, not on the use of government coercive power.

David Collenette

"Business has expressed goodwill in the area of affirmative action to ensure access to the workplace, and it will respond to the initiative to work cooperatively," he said.

He warned that "the dangers of the compulsory aspect would be reverse discrimination and a backlash" which ultimately would be counterproductive.

Despite some pointed questions from minority group representatives, Collenette maintained that his "personal preference is for a cooperative approach, but if there is no improvement after five years" the government would then consider mandatory programs.

While the response of the audience was generally favorable to the wide range of Collenette's comments, concerns were raised that the voluntary approach would not be effective. "It's time we stopped talking about a backlash and get equality now," said one member of the audience.

On the matter of redress for Japanese claims arising out of their forced relocation to camps and the confiscation of property during World War II, Collenette said he and the Prime Minister were "very sympathetic" to the claims, but he warned there would probably not be financial compensation.

Instead he suggested Parliament acknowledge and apologize for the injustice and perhaps create "an endowment fund for the Japanese and others who have experienced a racist or a negative kind of experience due to parliamentary action."

Jack Murta

Other programs his ministry is supporting include:

- A police training program to help foster understanding of community concerns.
- A minority training program with the CBC to develop skilled visible minority personnel and help break down barriers within the CBC.
- Work with the Canadian Advertising Advisory Board to establish training sessions on racial sensitivities.
- Development of teaching materials and training, and school administration practices to help develop within young Canadians sensitivity and respect for minority groups.
- Establishment of chairs of university study in race relations.

With more than 50% of Canadians in English-speaking Canada and 20% in Quebec neither of English or French origin, Collenette urged continued use of the "cooperative approach" to safeguard their rights as Canadians to dignity and respect.

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PC APPROACH

OTTAWA — The Progressive Conservative Party of Canada's spokesman for multiculturalism, MP Jack Murta, has called on Parliament to make the elimination of racism "absolutely the highest priority" on the national agenda.

Speaking in the House of Commons on the International Day for the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, Murta said Canadians "must continue to work against racism until it has been completely eradicated.

"This country is a multiracial, multicultural society made up of Canadians — Canadians first and foremost, but with different backgrounds and different languages — coming from all parts of the world," the PC spokesman said. "We must obviously work towards a society in which race, color, religion and even clothing make absolutely no difference to the kind of lifestyle and goals that we want to set."

Murta said a major commitment must be made to educate Canadians about the poisonous effects of discrimination. In addition, he called for a toughening of the provisions in the Criminal Code dealing with people who discriminate.

He concluded his remarks by declaring his party's "wholehearted commitment to the elimination of all forms of racism" and pledging his support for any measures designed to achieve that goal.

Song of Songs Pesach reading

This week, continue with the Song of Songs, traditionally read during Pesach, with chapters 5 and 6 on Thursday, April 19.

The portion of the week, read on Friday, is Exodus 33:12-34:26; the haftorah for the intermediate Sabbath of Pesach is Ezekiel 37:1-14, the magnificent prophecy of the rebirth of Israel, the vision of the valley of the dry bones.

Complete the Song of Songs on Sunday (chapters 7 and 8).

Monday and Tuesday are the seventh and eight days of Pesach. The Torah reading for Monday is Exodus 13:17-15:26 and the haftorah, II Samuel 22; for Tuesday, Deuteronomy 14:22-15:17 and Isaiah 10:32-12:6.

On Wednesday, return to Habakkuk, reading chapter 2.

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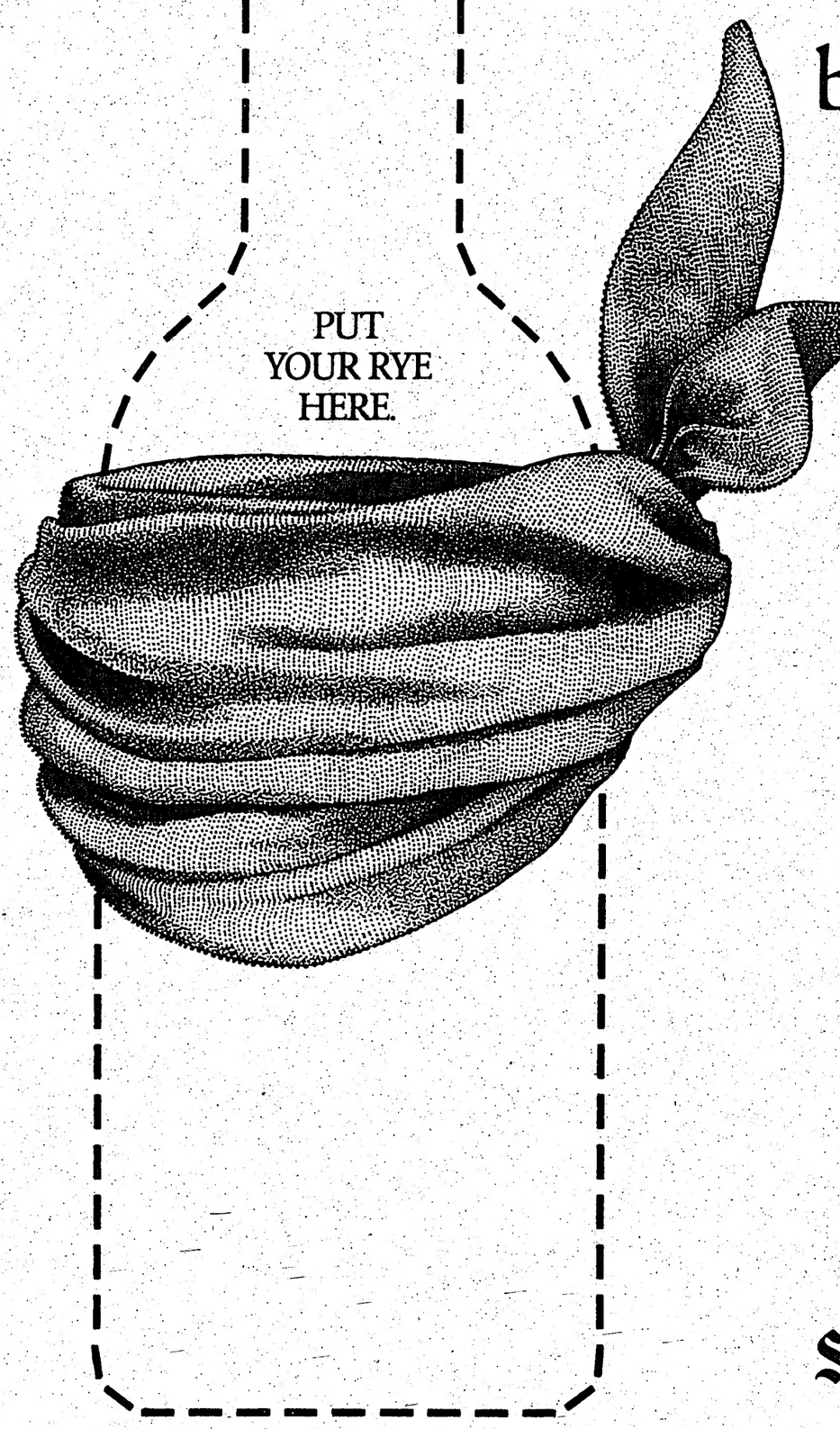

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Mann elected AJC head

BALTIMORE —

Theodore R. Mann, a Philadelphia attorney, has been elected president of the American Jewish Congress at the organization's national biennial convention. He succeeds Howard M. Squadron who served three two-year terms.

The election took place at the Hyatt Regency in Baltimore. Some 500 delegates representing American Jewish Congress chapters and divisions across the country participated in the 4-day meeting.

Long active in civic and Jewish affairs, Mann has served AJCongress as a senior vice-president and chairman of its commission on social action. He has also held the office of president of the organization's Pennsylvania region and Greater Philadelphia Council.

Mann served from 1978-80 as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

He chaired the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, the advocacy movement which seeks to secure the right of emigration for the Soviet Union's three million Jews, from 1981 to 1983.

From 1976 through 1980 Mann chaired the National Community Relations Advisory Council after serving for a number of years as a member of its executive committee and as vice-chairman.

Price of liberty often prompts escape to slavery

Passover celebrates gift of freedom

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Passover celebrates the gift and the ideal of freedom.

For most of us, freedom comes next to life itself. Patrick Henry the great patriot of the American Revolution, cried out: "Give me liberty or give me death."

How many martyrs have been led to death with the word "freedom" on their lips? In Africa the word "uhuru" has become a rallying cry for self-determination on the part of oppressed peoples.

One of the first lessons that the Israelites learned when they made their way from the bondage of Egypt was that freedom requires discipline. Moses said to Pharaoh, "Thus saith the Lord, let my people go."

Had he stopped with that, Pharaoh would have understood. But Moses added "that they may serve me." This appeared ridiculous to the Egyptian ruler. The people were simply going to change one master for another. Freedom, in the minds of many people, is the right not to serve anybody, to be wholly independent, to do as one pleases.

Isn't it tragic that we refuse to learn from history! Impatient persons in our society are calling for dramatic changes that will overthrow the evils of the present and usher in the glories of the future. They cry out for real freedom, but seem to have few practical ideas or ideals to substitute for our present way of life.

The French found that their goals of brotherhood, fraternity and equality ended up in Robespierre, the guillotine and Napoleon.

The Bolsheviks cleaned out the rottenness of the czar's autocracy only to get Stalin and his mad program of barbarism.

The Germans got rid of the kaiser and ended up with Hitler and gas chambers.

"Revolution," or "liberty" may sound splendid as a slogan, but the practice and the implementation are fraught with terror.

It is a sad reflection of human nature that many of us don't really want freedom. The eminent psychologist Erich Fromm in his book, Escape From Freedom suggested that from his knowledge of human behavior people are uncertain of their ability to make proper decisions. Anyone who has ever counseled or worked with people is familiar with the refrain: "Please tell me what to do." A modern French philosopher speaks of freedom as man's most terrifying burden. Even Moses became hesitant and asked God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh? Pharaoh will not receive me; the Children of Israel will not believe me; and, besides, I am so ill-equipped for the mission for I am slow of speech and heavy of tongue."

When the Israelites wandered in the wilderness and suffered hunger, thirst and enemies, they said, "Let us go back to Egypt," because slavery is better than freedom and its burdens. What they sought was to escape from freedom not from slavery. This is the earliest lesson in human history on the price of liberty.

When I was young there was a popular song with the refrain: "The best things in life are free." It sounded enticing. But as I grew older I discovered that the sentiment was untrue.

The basic things in life require investment and cost a great deal. Marriage, for example, requires of us some demanding disciplines; a married person is no longer free. The rearing of children is a responsibility and often a terrible anxiety.

I suppose that at one time or another every mother or father has toyed with the idea of being free of the care and the nurturing of children or family. A few people reject love. They refuse to marry and they do not want children. They want liberty . . . to be free of the burdens which love demands. They are free, but their lives are empty. It is never a question of serving or of not serving. The question is whether we serve Pharaoh or God.

Consider for a moment this matter of freedom in terms of the laws of the universe. Only by confronting to the laws of nature are we free to live and grow.

The wonders of medicine, for example, which alleviate our pains and lengthen our days are based on certain definite biological law.

If we are free to fly in the air it is because we understand the law of gravitation.

If we are free to experience the wonders of television it is because the underlying physical laws have been mastered.

Science is the great liberator of our day. But its fundamental doctrine is the rigid obedience to the laws of nature. The scientist is, in his way, the Moses of today. He liberates men and women by a strict obedience to law.

The creative artist, too, is possessed by an urge that gives him no rest. He is driven and hounded by a taskmaster more demanding than Pharaoh. His is the kind of slavery to an ideal that gives freedom to his work.

The best things in life are not free. To be in love, to be a scientist, to be a artist is to be shackled. It means to direct one's freedom in creative and meaningful directions.

Passover comes every year to underscore the importance of freedom. We all pay lip service to it. But no freedom has meaning unless it can be creatively channeled and controlled. We would be wise to consider both ideas inherent in Moses' plea to Pharaoh, "Let my people go that they may serve Me, saith the Lord."

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Hijacking may signal new wave

We will strike first Shamir warns terrorists

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soldier, a passenger in the bus, were killed.

There were concerns in Israel that the hijacking might signal a new phase of escalated terrorism.

"The PLO has lost its base in Lebanon and is now trying to infiltrate into Israel," Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir declared on Israel TV.

"They will not achieve their aims," he said. "We will hit them before they reach us."

The grenade-wielding hijackers, members of the Syrian-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, had demanded during tense night negotiations the release of 500 Palestinians from Israel jails.

"We do not give in to terrorists' demands," Defence Minister Moshe Arens told reporters later. "We had no intention of releasing 500 terrorists."

He said there was "a determined effort being made by terrorist groups to show they are still alive and show they have the capability of carrying out terrorist acts against Israel."

The ordeal resulted in injury to seven passengers as well as death for the 19-year-old female soldier.

Driver Eli Halevi said the terrorists boarded the nearly full 42-passenger bus as paying passengers shortly after dark in Tel Aviv.

A half hour later, they removed knives, grenades and Molotov cocktails from James Bond-style attache cases and ordered Halevi to continue past his destination at Ashkelon, 30 miles south of Tel Aviv, and give them free passage to Egypt.

"One of them — a big fat guy — brandished a grenade under my nose," said Halevi.

Another terrorist, just 16 years old, ordered him to crash through two roadblocks before the bus careened into a ditch six miles south of Gaza City, with its tires shot out by Israeli troops.

The hijackers released one, and perhaps a second, pregnant woman shortly after the hijacking. A passing truck driver who picked her up helped eight other passengers escape when the red-and-white bus hit the ditch and settled on its side.

Shortly before dawn, 10 hours after the incident began, crack Israeli troops rushed through the windows and doors of the bus and overwhelmed the highjackers in a cleanly executed operation that took less than two minutes.

"I threw myself down on the floor," a survivor said. "Some woman lay on top of me. I felt soldiers walking all over us. I said to myself. It's not all that bad. The worse that can happen is that we get bruised."

"It was such an ordeal," said a soldier who was part of the assault team. "I am not happy with what has happened but I did what I had to do. I pointed my gun at one of them through the bus window and shot him dead."

The assault on the bus, the most recent in a rash of guerrilla attacks, came 10 days after three terrorists opened fire on a Jerusalem street, wounding 48 people.

On March 8, three people were killed and nine were wounded when a grenade exploded under the seat of a bus in Ashdod, 10 miles from Ashkelon along the Mediterranean coast. The Abu Nidal guerrilla splinter claimed responsibility.

Last December, a bomb blast on a bus in the western outskirts of Jerusalem killed six people and wounded 40. Eight days before the bombing in Ashdod, a bombing on Jerusalem's main street injured 21 people.

The attack recalled an assault by Palestinian terrorists March 11, 1978, on a tour bus along the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway in which 34 Israelis were killed and 74 wounded. Soon after, Israel launched a military invasion of Lebanon, stopping at the Litani River in southern Lebanon.

Sharon makes strong bid

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are arguing loudly and resentfully that the Liberals are "hitching a free ride" on Herut out of proportion to their numbers elected to office.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, a leading Liberal, expressed concern last week about Herut's threat to change the formula for the appointment of Knesset seats between the two groups.

He warned in a radio interview that "only by standing together" can Herut and the Liberals hope to win the elections.

Shamir is unlikely, however, to upset the parliamentary balance agreed upon by Menachem Begin and the Liberals two decades ago when they formed an alliance that wrested power from the Labor Party in the 1977 elections.

Shamir's shaky position was reflected in a popularity poll published two weeks ago by the newspaper Maariv. It showed former Israeli President Yitzhak Navon as first in public choice for the post of Prime Minister.

Navon headed the poll with 27.5%, followed by Shamir with 10.9% and Labor leader Shimon Peres in third place at 7.4%.

Though Navon gracefully bowed out of the race in the interests of party unity, Shamir is aware that he has a tough fight ahead to win acceptance inside and outside his coalition.

El Salvador moves embassy

JERUSALEM [JTA] — El Salvador became the second country, after Costa Rica, to move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The move, which took place April 13 coincided with the ceremony in San Salvador at which the new Israeli ambassador to El Salvador presented his credentials.

At the ceremony in Jerusalem Ambassador Napolean Armando Guerra of El Salvador said the move to Jerusalem was based on the human and spiritual values which characterize Israel which is considered, like the countries of Latin America, a country which esteems democracy, freedom, peace and prosperity."

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Up, up and away on El Al's new Boeing 767-ER

First commercial twin-engine flight crosses ocean

By PATRICIA RUCKER

The engines are enormous.

As the bus carried us from the Mirabel terminal building to the tarmac, we craned our necks to see the big Boeing 767-ER (extended range) aircraft that would take us non-stop from Montreal to Tel Aviv.

What could we see in the gathering dusk?

On the tail of the plane, the blue and white Magen David of Israel's flagship airline, El Al.

And looming over our heads, two tremendous Pratt and Whitney engines, the diameter of their intake wide enough to drive our bus through.

For 11 hours on the night of March 26-27, those engines would carry 130 passengers over the 9,000 kilometres "big circle" [north Atlantic] route to set a record for the first commercial flight of a 2-engine plane across the Atlantic.

El Al's new 767, the third in its fleet, cruises high over the Atlantic at 850 kilometres an hour. [Photo courtesy of El Al Airlines]

On board were the president of Boeing, Richard W. Welch; Horst Puhlmann, a senior vice-president of Pratt and Whitney; Lyle Raverty, senior vice-president of technical operations for Air Canada; Rehavia Ben Shach, El Al vice-president and general manager for Canada; Canadian and U.S. aviation engineers and flight crew; Israeli and Canadian journalists, travel writers and travel agents — and 30 paying passengers, whose presence ensured that the flight would be recorded as a commercial flight.

Our trip was a convincing demonstration of the ability of those two huge engines to make long-haul flights, a point underscored by Pratt and Whitney's Puhlmann at the press conference following our landing at Ben-Gurion Airport.

According to Pratt & Whitney reliability tests, "200 planes would have to fly 2,000 years to have two engines with unrelated failures," he said.

At issue is the "60-minute rule," a U.S. regulation that no twin-engine plane be further than an hour's flight from an operational airport in case one engine fails.

El Al and Air Canada, which are among the 18 airlines that have purchased the 767, would like to see that regulation changed to permit routes that lie within 90 minutes of an airport. If such a rule were implemented, El Al could take a more southerly, shorter route across the Atlantic.

Our flight adhered strictly to the 60-minute rule, passing over Greenland, Iceland and northern Scotland. The plane, which seats 18 in business class and 206 in economy was roomy, but 11 hours is a long time to spend in any aircraft, no matter how comfortable. A shorter route would be welcomed by both airline and passengers.

In an in-flight interview with The Canadian Jewish News, Boeing president Welch described the flight as "inaugurating a new era in transportation.

"There are many routes throughout the world that do not need the capacity of the 747 — what we call 'long thin routes,' with a passenger load of 150-200. The 767 is the ideal aircraft for these."

Depending on the version (standard, extended range, or "stretch"), the 767 carries between 200 and 260 passengers, with a range of 5,000 to 9,000 kilometres. The 4-engine 747 carries between 275 and 400 passengers, with a range of approximately 8,500 kilometres.

But the 2-engine 767 is more fuel efficient and requires a smaller cockpit crew.

Rafi Harlev, El Al's president, who greeted the flight at Ben-Gurion, is enthusiastic about how well the plane fits El Al's needs. He said El Al intends to begin regular 767 flights non-stop from Montreal and New York to Tel Aviv in the fall of 1984 or spring of 1985.

Air Canada's Raverty also hailed the El Al flight as "the beginning of the wave of the future." In response to a question from The CJN, he announced that Air Canada plans to inaugurate regular 767 flights next spring non-stop from Montreal to London/Heathrow and Paris.

Air Canada suffered the embarrassment of having to glide a 767 onto an airstrip in Gimli, Man., last year, due to a faulty gauge which led to a human error in refueling.

Our flight had no such worries — we landed with a reserve of 6,000 kilos of fuel, enough for another 1½ hours in the air.

We arrived in Tel Aviv only hours after the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations (IFALPA) ended its 39th annual conference, the first ever held in Israel.

Welch responded to the pilots' insistence that governments stick to the 60-minute rule pending further studies of the safety of twin-engine planes on long overwater flights by telling reporters at the press conference that "the 60-minute rule was put in place in the era of piston aircraft.

"There have been tremendous advances in the state of the art in the past 20 years . . . even the 90-minute rule we don't consider reasonable. We could fly any route (with the 767) that is flown today."

Texas teens go on tear over anti-Vatican posters

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Teenage Jewish students in Corpus Christi, Texas, systematically tore down and destroyed anti-Vatican posters that had been plastered all over that South Texas port city of 200,000. Their action, over a 3-day period last month, was reported by the National Catholic News Service (NCNS).

Many of the posters carried offensive messages similar to the canards used by anti-semites against Jews. They accused the Vatican of controlling the media to "exalt and exonerate themselves from crimes they have done and are currently doing." The messages began with the word "warning" and alleged Vatican ownership of major American magazines, newspapers and television networks.

"It reminds me of the Nazis and the Holocaust," one student was quoted as saying by the NCNS; another student, Laura Hopkins, 15, said: "Whoever is doing this is not only hurting the Christian community but the whole city as well."

Most of the posters were glued to windows of abandoned buildings. Some were attached to lamp posts and garbage cans.

According to the NCNS, they appeared in cities throughout the U.S., beginning in Des Moines, Iowa in February and spread to the Middle West, the south and east. They were first noticed in Corpus Christi on March 21.

Harold Alberts, a Corpus Christi lawyer who is Jewish and helped organize the student removal campaign, said all the posters had been destroyed by March 23. "One day is too long for these signs to be in our city," he said.

The person or persons responsible are unknown. According to Bob Gilmartin, communications director of the Corpus Christi diocese, "whoever is involved in this is using transients to put them up during the cover of night."

The students said they were prepared to remove the posters if they appear again.

Argentina pledges tough anti-hate law

BUENOS AIRES —

Addressing a gathering of Jewish leaders from throughout Argentina, the country's interior minister, Antonio Troccoli, pledged to strengthen legislation aimed at punishing incitement to racial or religious hatred, the World Jewish Congress reported recently.

Troccoli presented the opening speech on behalf of President Alfonsin and his government, to the Congress of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Argentina (Vaad Hakehilot) which was attended by 500 delegates from the captial city and the provinces of Argentina.

Two principal guests from abroad participated, Yitzhak Navon, the former President of Israel, and vice-president of the WJC, Kalman Sultanik.

Troccoli, who was warmly applauded by the assembly, stressed the contribution of the Jewish community in the development of Argentina and called upon it to cooperate in building up "the new democratic reality."

He said that the difficulties which Jews experience coincide with authoritarian situations. Accordingly, he noted that hatreds and misunderstandings have their roots in such situations, and added, "it is no wonder that the enemies of the rule of law are also enemies of the Jewish community."

Troccoli condemned recent anti-semitic incidents perpetrated by desperate people "who do not have faith in democracy."

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

A workshop to explore the sensitive relationships between mothers and daughters is being offered by the Family Life Education program of the Jewish Family & Child Service. Sessions will deal with some of the perplexing issues facing mothers and daughters in contemporary life — Does your mother drive you crazy?, Do you sit by the phone waiting for your daughter to call?, Do you feel guilty?, What is good mothering;, and what are the mother-daughter expectations?

The workshop will be led by trained family life educators, commencing Tuesday, May 1, from 1.30-3.30 p.m. at 4600 Bathurst St., 6th floor. Fee is $20 per person for four weeks. To register and for further information, call **Estelle Altman** at 638-7800.

TEEN DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

Teen Drugs and Alcohol: You and Your Family, is the topic of a lecture to be given by **Dr. Miller Newton** on Sunday, April 29, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Dr. Newton, a clinical anthropologist, is president and clinical director of Kids of Bergen County, Inc., A New Jersey treatment centre for troubled adolescents and their families.

At 1 p.m. teens only will meet with Dr. Newton to view part 1 of the film Gone Way Down: Teenage Drug Abuse Is a Disease, followed by an open discussion. At 3 p.m. teens will meet with Dr. Newton's group leader to continue discussion while parents will view part 2 of the film, followed by an open discussion with Dr. Newton.

The fee is $2.50 per person for pre-registration or $3 at the door. For information, contact **Andrea Sugar** at 789-7235.

HOLY BLOSSOM SPRING ACADEMY

Holy Blossom Temple's spring academy of Jewish studies for adults offers Monday evening courses on Introduction to Midrash with **Rabbi Dow Marmur**, Midrash on the Akedah with **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, and Meilta-Midrahim on the Book of Exodus with **Rabbi James Prosnit**. Courses will be held from 8-9:15 on April 30, May 7, 14, 28 and June 4.

On Tuesdays, Rabbinic Reflections runs 9.30-11 a.m. with **Rabbis Stuart Rosenberg** on May 8, **W. Gunther Plaut** on May 15 and 29, **Larry Englander** on May 22, and **Norman Cohen** on June 5.

Tuesday evenings May 1, 8, 15 and 29 from 8-9.15, **Cantor Benjamin Maissner** will focus on Get To Know Your Liturgy.

On Thursday mornings May 3, 10, 17 and 24, from 10-11.30, the Sisterhood Study in Depth program will deal with Our Mothers Our Roots with Rabbi Goldstein.

Prayerbook and modern Hebrew courses for adults will be held for six weeks from April 24-May 29.

Registration is required for all courses. Contact **Mrs. Levine** at 789-3291.

ABOUT ILEITIS & COLITIS

The North York Chapter of the Canadian Foundation for Ileitis & Colitis is holding an educational meeting on Drug Therapy of Inflammatory Bowel Diseases on Tuesday, April 24, at 8 p.m. at Sunnybrook Hospital main auditorium, 2075 Bayview Ave. Guest speaker is **Dr. Fred Saibil**, gastroenterologist at Sunnybrook and CFIC national education chairman. This meeting is rescheduled because of the cancellation on Feb. 28 due to inclement weather.

JEWISH MARRIAGE SERIES

The Jewish Marriage Education Committee presents a series for singles, engaged, newlyweds and all married couples beginning May 2 to May 30, weekly at 8 p.m. Speakers, movies and discussions include relevant topics such as The Magic of the Marriage Ritual with **Rabbi A. Assayag** on Wednesday, May 2; The Economic Maze of Marriage with **Sandra Gewirtz** and **Esther Weinstock** on May 9; Keeping the Fires Burning with **Sarah Channah Radcliffe** on May 16; The Secret Ingredients of the Jewish Marriage with **Rabbi Moshe Stern** and **Dr. Leo Davids** on May 23, and Above and Beyond Your Doorstep with **Rabbi and Mrs. M. Mandel** on May 30.

All sessions take place at the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St. Refreshments will be served. Registration fee is $15 per couple or $10 per individual. Register at the opening lecture. For further information, call **Chavi Goldberg** at 886-3481.

TOPS IN MATH CONTEST

The Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto placed second in the grade 10 category of the Canadian Mathematics Competition (Ontario Zone 70 division) sponsored by the University of Waterloo.

The Associated junior high achievement was even more remarkable because the students participating were grade 9 students who had accelerated to grade 10 mathematics. The honor roll students are **Michael Tylman** (he gained 4th place of all students in this category), **Philip Rosenfelder** and **Farrel Leibovitch.**

Associated also placed 6th in the grade 9 division of the same competition through the efforts of honor roll students **Elliott Fisher** (he placed 2nd of all students in this category), **Michael Kulik** and **Eric Epstein**.

GUEST SPEAKER BLU GREENBERG

Renowned author and lecturer **Blu Greenberg** is coming to Adath Israel Synagogue on Wednesday, April 25, to deliver the inaugural Rosalynd Smith Memorial Lecture. An adherent of Orthodox Judaism and advocate of women's rights (she is the author of On Women and Judaism: A View From Tradition), Mrs. Greenberg's topic is Women's Liberation and Men's Liberation: Promises and Challenges for the Jewish Future. The time is 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue at 37 Southbourne Ave.

ON STAGE AT THE POSLUNS

The long-time musical comedy favorite, Gypsy, goes on stage at the Leah Posluns Theatre April 25-May 19. Starring Dora Award nominee **Denise Fergusson** and featuring **Louis Negin**, it is directed and choreographed by **Bob Ainslie** with settings by **Doug Robinson** and musical direction by **Nick Seiflow**. Tickets are $12.50 for adults on Saturdays and $10.50 on week nights from Sunday; $6.50 on week nights for students and seniors, and $6.50 for Sunday matinee for everyone. Box office number is 630-6752.

ANTI-SEMITISM IN CANADA

At a meeting of the Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service on Tuesday, May 1, guest speaker **Sol Littman**, author of War Criminal on Trial—The Rauca Case, will discuss Anti-Semitism in Canada After Rauca and Keegstra.

Sol Littman

The meeting takes place at 12 noon at the Lipa Green Building, 3rd floor, 4600 Bathurst St. Bring a dairy lunch or lunch is available at $3.50. Admission for non-members is $2. To reserve lunch or for further information, contact the president, **Bernard Shoub**, at 633-7770.

ABOUT SOVIET JEWRY

Holy Blossom Temple's Soviet Jewry Committee is presenting **Prof. Robert Brym**, associate chairman, department of sociology, University of Toronto, on Tuesday, April 24, at 8 p.m. in the temple board room. His topic — Jewish Identity and Soviet Nationality Policy 1917-1982. This lecture is free of charge and everyone is welcome.

CALLING ALL TEENS

Are you looking for an interesting and exciting way to spend the summer? Baycrest Centre is now interviewing teenagers, 13-17, to assist with various summer programs. If you can give at least 40 hours of your time over a 4-week period to be a Baycrest volunteer, call **Clara Posso** at the volunteer department at 789-5131, ext. 458.

SELF-HELP WIDOWERS PROGRAM

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widowers program provides an opportunity for emotional support for the recently bereaved through one-to-one contact with another widower and/or group meetings. This supportive service is non-sectarian, free of charge and open to men over 55 years of age widowed less than two years. Membership in the Wagman Centre is not required.

The next meeting takes place Thursday, April 26, from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre library. Group co-ordinator is **Gordon Zaretsky**.

For more information, call the centre at 789-5131, local 410, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TRIBUTE TO RABBI PAPPENHEIM

A letter from **Cantor Paul Kowarsky**, president of the Toronto Council of Hazzanim, reports, that at a recent meeting of the council, a unanimous resolution was passed to make a donation of $180 to the **Rabbi Albert Pappenheim** Memorial Trust Fund.

"We know that the late Rabbi Pappenheim enjoyed an outstanding and exemplary personal relationship with each and every cantor who served with him. He was a personal friend of all the cantors in Toronto, and was revered and respected by them ..... " the letter states.

Cantor Kowarsky also points out that the rabbi "was a lover of Jewish music and an outstanding 'baal nusach' and 'baal n'ginah.' He always exhibited the utmost appreciation for the art of chazanut and the choral settings that were part of the service of his synagogue. He also loved to sing .... "

BRANSON AUXILIARY SALE

The Branson Hospital Auxiliary is holding a sale of good used clothing, books and household items on Thursday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the hospital foyer, 555 Finch Ave. W.

for seniors

Holy Blossom Temple Alumni meets on Wednesday, April 23 at 1.30 p.m. with guest speaker **Alderman Ben Nobleman** who will discuss Housing for Senior Citizens.

A musical evening arranged and directed by pianist **Lola Julitta Kane** with singers **Fanny Brass**, **Anna Farber** and **Sylvia Gold** and Mrs. Kane at the piano, takes place Thursday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at Lincoln Place Nursing Home, 429 Walmer Rd.

A dance is being held by **Earl Bales Seniors' Place** in the new community centre in Earl Bales Park (Bathurst and Sheppard), on Saturday, April 28, from 8-11 p.m. with music by **Maurice Turk** and his orchestra. There will be a raffle, and refreshments will be available. Admission is $3 per person. Call 636-7856, Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ..... The centre is open for needlecraft, bridge, painting, fitness, billiards, ping pong, dancing and more. Call for time schedules.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living Health Information series will deal with Chemical and Health Hazards in the Home on Thursday, April 26, at 1 p.m. Educator **Harriet Rosenberg** will illustrate examples of dangerous and toxic chemicals in daily use in the home. There is no charge.

The Wednesday afternoon social features multi-media artist **Tutzi Seguin** who will present a slide show of her travels. That's at 1.15 p.m. on April 25.

The Lifelong Learning Institute's (LLI) 2-session course, Mother Work — Daughter Work, with Prof. Harriet Rosenberg, department of anthropology, University of Toronto, takes place Thursdays April 19 and May 3 from 1-3 p.m. Charge for each lecture is $1 for members and $2 for non-members.

LLI is also offering two courses in conjunction with Humber College. Current Events in Canada starts Tuesday, May 1, and Creative Writing on Friday, May 4. Both are from 10 a.m. to noon. Fee is $7 for seniors and $12 for non-seniors. Registration is limited, so call now. The number is 225-2112.

The Friday Film and Discussion series continues on April 20 with the film The Cantors' Convention at Grossingers and guest speaker **Cantor Benjamin Maissner** of Holy Blossom Temple, who will talk about The Evolution of Jewish Music. The time is 10 a.m. to noon ..... The April 27 program features the film Jews in Arab Lands with speaker **Sam Resnick** of Canadian Jewish Congress, whose topic will be The Plight of Jews Living in Arab Lands.

singles

The group services department of the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre will be kicking off a weekend of festivities with a 40s Era Dance for all singles 40+, featuring **Mac McDonald** and his Dixieland Band, refreshments, prizes and special dances. The date is Saturday, April 28, in the JCC main gym, 4588 Bathurst St. Tickets are on sale now and at the door for $5. For more information, call 636-1880, ext. 267, and ask for **Manya**.

Solelim Singles (20-40) has arranged 10-pin bowling for Sunday, April 22, at 2 p.m. at Bathurst Bowlerama (at Glencairn). Meet **Lorne** at the snack bar ... Anyone interested in going hiking this weekend, April 21, 22 or 23, call Lorne at 783-4605. Also, ask him about other Solelim activities.

Are you wondering what's happening? Call **Jewish Singles Project Connect** at 731-4601 after 5 p.m. daily and on weekends for the Jewish singles events tape. All singles groups are invited to calendar their activities.

Re-Connect life skills support group for separated and divorced Jewish women will meet for eight Tuesday sessions May 8-June 26 from 7.30-10 p.m. Fee is $20 non-refundable. Call Jewish Singles Project Connect at 731-4600, mornings, for information and registration.

Singles — Play doubles at the Elmwood Club on Sunday, April 29, at 7 p.m. with round robin squash, mixed hot tub and light dinner. Charge is, $23 non-refundable. RSVP by April 24. Call Jewish Singles Project Connect at 731-4600, mornings.

The **North-East Jewish Single Parents** group is having a 3rd seder on Thursday, April

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HIGH LEVEL TALKS

Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region representatives met with David Peterson, Ontario Liberal leader recently to acquaint him with and bring him up to date on various concerns of Jewish communities in Ontario. From left to right are Les Scheininger, chairman, CJC, Ontario Region; Charles Zaionz, treasurer; David Peterson; Harry Steiner, CJC national secretary; Edmond Lipsitz, executive director, CJC Ontario Region, and Ben Kayfetz, national director, Joint Community Relations Committee, CJC. [Ben Lechtman photo]

ENTRANCED

Baycrest Centre Men's Service Group president Bob Bader [left], thanks hypnotherapist Nathan Siegel for his talk at the recent MSG general meeting and brunch. Two hundred MSG members and their wives attended the event, held at the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre.

Organizations and People

What's New

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19, at 8 p.m., co-sponsored with Jewish Singles Project Connect. There will be folk-dancing, folksingers, disco and refreshments. Charge is $3 per person. For information, call **Susan Levine** at the NE office at 889-0813 ..... The small group discussion on Wednesday, April 25, at 8 p.m. will focus on Massage Therapy with **Barb Fleisher**, massage therapist, who will speak on massage techniques along with demonstrations. Fee is $1 for members and $2 for non-members. Call Susan Levine for location details ..... Don't forget that you must reserve by April 20 for the family Shabbaton brunch taking place Saturday, April 28, from 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Be sure to bring your children. There will be crafts, music and a holiday quiz. Charge is $8 per member family and $10 per non-member family. Call Susan Levine ..... The annual spring dance is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, at 8 p.m. at the Plaza II, complete with full course dinner and live band. RSVP is a must before April 25. Call Susan Levine.

at the jcc

Registration is now taking place for the spring art courses at the Koffler Gallery art studios, Koffler Centre of the Arts, Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. Courses offered include drawing, painting, cartooning, watercolor, calligraphy, Hebrew calligraphy, life drawing, design workshops, stone sculpture, art tours, ceramics, raku, clay sculpture, and a special mixed media program for children. Enrolment is limited to ensure individual attention. Call 636-1880, ext. 279 or 328 for details.

The PACE (Public Affairs and Continuing Education) department of the Koffler Centre is offering courses in Introduction to Micro-Computers — Taming the Micro-Computer Monster. Course content might include how to chose a micro, learning the lingo, business and home application, educational application, using prepackaged software, basics of computer hardware, and how to write simple, effective programs.

Beginners' classes start Monday, April 30, or Thursday, May 3, from 8-10 p.m. and intermediate classes begin Wednesday, May 2, from 8-10 p.m. Classes will be held once a week for eight weeks at CHAT, 200 Wilmington Ave. Fee is $75 for JCC members and $90 for non-members. Register at the northern branch of the JCC, 4588 Bathurst St. For more information, call **Georgine Nash** at 636-1880.

About People

YORK U BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Pamela Fruitman has been re-elected, by an overwhelming majority, to the board of governors of York University. She has served on the board for two years and is the only student to be elected to serve a second 2-year term.

Pamela Fruitman

The board of governors is the most important policy-making body of the university and only two students are elected to sit on the board to represent the students.

Pamela has been an active member of the Student Council since 1981 and was Student Council director of finance for 1981-82. She has served on many key committees of the board of governors.

Pamela, 23, received her BA from York University in 1982 and is presently completing the second of a 4-year joint law (LLB) and master of business administration (MBA) program. She is the daughter of **Lou and Betsy Fruitman**.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY OFFICES

At a recent meeting of the Ontario Region of the Rabbinical Assembly, **Rabbi Robert Marcus** of Beth Tikvah Synagogue was elected president of the region, with **Rabbi Philip Scheim** of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am as vice-president and **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** as secretary-treasurer. Rabbi Marcus replaces the late **Rabbi Albert Pappenheim** who held the position for many years.

A TRIBUTE

World-renowned philanthropist Joseph Tanenbaum is being honored at a breakfast sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Beth Hatalmud, an outstanding Torah institution. The breakfast will take place on Sunday, April 29, at 8 a.m. at Torah Emeth Synagogue, 1 Viewmount Ave. The community at large is invited to participate in this annual tribute to one of the world's leading Torah centres.

ON THE AIR

Claire Klein Ofipov's record Sing to Me in Yiddish will be included on the Gilmour's Album program over CBL-FM radio on Saturday, April 21, at 6.05 p.m. and on CBL-AM radio on Sunday, the 22nd, at 12.05 p.m.

The Yiddish and Hebrew folksinger, who lives in Vancouver with her family, was a soloist with the Jewish Folk Choir under the direction of **Emil Gartner** during her Toronto years. She has been featured on her own TV and radio programs in Vancouver and recently completed a 3-concert tour in Texas. **Wendy Bross Stuart**, her arranger and accompanist, was born in New York City and holds a Masters degree in ethnomusicology from the University of British Columbia.

When **Clyde Gilmour** first presented this gifted duo's music on his program three years ago, the response was overwhelmingly enthusiastic. For both Claire and Wendy their album is much more than a recording.

They say it is an "expression of hope that Yiddish folk songs will continue as a permanent part of Jewish cultural life".

THREE SPRING CELEBRATIONS

Ron Kostuik celebrated three big events recently. He was elected president of the Men's Club of the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation on Yeomans Rd. He represented the club at the 55th annual spring conference held at Southfield, Mich., of the Great Lakes Region Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs. And he and his wife, **Judy**, welcomed 300 guests who helped them celebrate the 5th anniversary of Luigi's Trattoria, the country-style Italian restaurant which the Jewish Ukrainian couple operate at Yonge and Davenport.

Ron Kostuik

The pair will climax it all June 16 when they celebrate their 17th wedding anniversary.

DENTAL TECHNICIAN APPOINTED

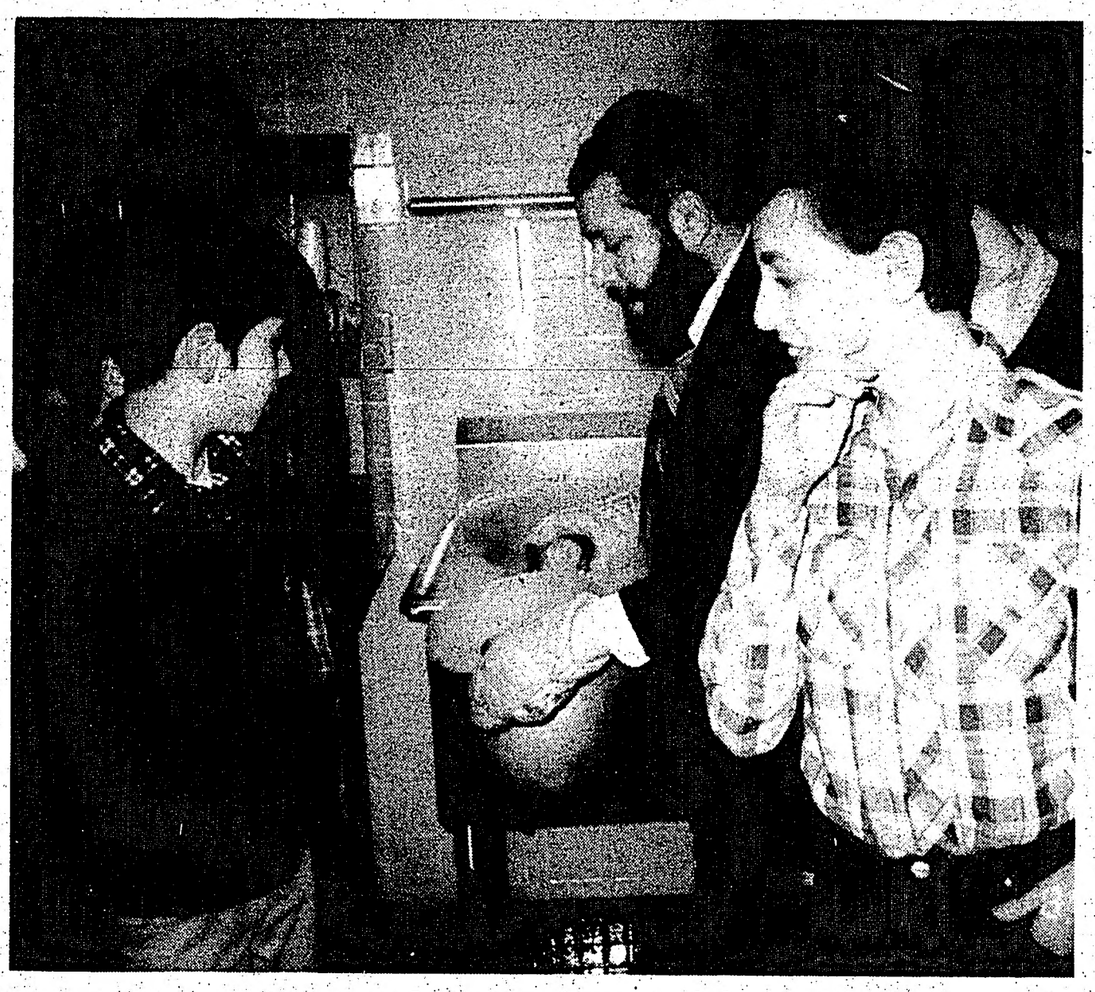
Dan Huber has been named to a 2-year term on the governing board of Ontario dental technicians. The appointment was made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council recently.

Born in Czechoslovakia, but brought up in Israel, Mr. Huber was sent to the U.S. for training, graduating from the New York School of Dental Technology in 1947. He returned to Israel for three years military service and then moved to Canada, working for a dental lab before opening his own business, Mo-Dent Laboratory, with partner **George Pick** in 1962.

Mr. Huber is on the advisory committee of George Brown College School of Dental Technology, is involved with the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith and is a member of Adath Israel Congregation and Leonard Mayzel Lodge B'nai B'rith. In between he plays tennis almost every day.

JUNIOR HIGH FINANCE

The staff and 140 grade 9 junior high students of the Associated Hebrew Schools were addressed recently by Larry Grossman, treasurer of Ontario. From left to right [front row]: Stephen Freedhoff, Associated chairman budget and finance committee; Larry Grossman, and Rabbi Akiva Egozi, educational director. From left to right [back row]: Monty Mazin, director of development and public relations; Harriet Wolman, special assistant to treasurer of Ontario; Ted Shoub, president, students council, and Joseph H. Rosenfield, principal, general studies. [Ben Lechtman photo]



KOSHER CLASSES

Rabbi Joseph M. Rand, of Eitz Chaim Junior High at Willowdale, is teaching his class how to kasher a sink for Passover.

EVENTFUL WEEK

Events abounded for children and adults alike recently as the Jewish Community Centre's northern branch hosted its first annual Israeli Week. Sponsored by the JCC, Maccabi Canada and the Youth & Hechalutz department of the Canadian Zionist Federation, the 4-day program included a family-oriented Purim celebration, films, speakers, panel discussion on women, education and settlements in Israel, exhibits and folkdancing which were all geared, according to organizers, towards "developing a Jewish atmosphere" for the community to plug into.

Organizations and People

Kaufman bestowed JNF title of Galil pioneer

JERUSALEM —

The title of "JNF Galil Pioneer" was bestowed recently on Toronto industrialist and community leader Morris Kaufman at the dedication of the Kaufman nahala of Moshav Kahal, an Israeli farming village in Galil Canada.

Present for the occasion were Kaufman, his wife Rose, two daughters, a son, two sons-in-law, a daughter-in-law and eight grandchildren, all from Toronto.

Moshav Kahal, scenically perched on a hilltop high above Tiberias, with a splendid view of the Sea of Galilee, was established four years ago by a group of 20 young families, mainly from long established moshavim, kibbutzim and rural townships in Galilee. The Jewish National Fund recently completed an access road to the settlement and prepared land for buildings and farming infrastructure.

Residents at Kahal will earn their livelihood from farming, science-based industries and tourism.

"As long as we have young people with a pioneering spirit willing to make sacrifices," said Kaufman at the dedication, "the Jewish people will live."

Recalling Kaufman's longtime involvement in JNF land reclamation projects, Col. Yosef Getreuer, a former JNF emissary to Toronto, said the establishment of the Kaufman nahala had fulfilled an old wish of Kaufman's dating back to the 1964 Negev Dinner. "You have chosen a lovely place to realize it," he said.

Jacob Barmore, JNF director of information, congratulated Kaufman for bringing his entire family to Israel to share his joy at the dedication of his newly-adopted project.

"Israel's future is largely shaped by the courage of its people and the measure taken to promote growth and development in Galilee. You have helped the JNF in its efforts to renew Galilee and restore its ancient beauty."

Congratulations were cabled to Kahal by Alexander Mayers, national president of JNF Canada and other JNF officers. "This is a special moment in your life," they said. "You have toiled tirelessly to advance the Jewish cause everywhere."

Speaking for Kahal's residents, moshav member Israel Meron declared that Kaufman's contribution to land reclamation at Kahal would open a "two-way road" between Israel and Canadian Jewry. "We promise to fight for Galilee's security," he told Kaufman, "and hope you will visit us soon to see our progress."

Describing Kaufman as "a humanitarian and a Zionist," Executive Vice-President of JNF Canada, Maj. David Ofer, said: "Our children and grandchildren will always remember your support for Israel."

So inspired were the visitors by the warm welcome from the settlers that they undertook to provide two complete video systems for Kahal and for neighboring Kibbutz Lotem.

In a spontaneous expression of delight, all of the Kaufman children and their immediate friends each subscribed for one unit of Galil Canada in tribute to their children.

Responsing to a presentation of flowers by Kahal's pre-school children, Kaufman related emotionally that he had established the nahala for the sake of his grandchildren to ensure their continued attachment to Israel in the chain of generations. "I'm deeply moved. For my family and myself, this is a dream come true. Thank you for honoring me and my Shoshanah. I'll be back next year," he said.

Later, Kaufman unveiled two plaques at the JNF's commemoration centre at neighboring Lotem.

Standing at the centre of the childrens' playground at Kahal are, from left, Maj. Gen. David Ofer, Rose Kaufman, Col. Joseph Getreuer and Morris Kaufman.

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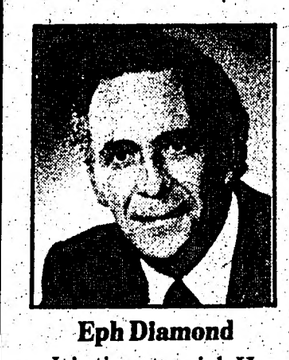

Eph Diamond

Eddie Goodman

It's time to wish Happy Passover on behalf of the volunteers and donors participating in the new Baycrest Hospital Campaign to the patients and future patients of the Hospital who are counting on us to provide them with the best available geriatric and chronic care facilities. And Happy Passover to the medical and support staff who will be utilizing the new building and equipment in caring and innovative ways.

Among those who are consistently working towards our campaign goals are members of the Men's Service Group who are planning another Telethon in early May. So get ready for a call from people such as **Robert Bader, Murray Biback, Alan Dessau, Harold Fraser, Marvin Geist, Phyl Goldner, Max Mandel, Harold Martin, Gordon Mendly, Jonathon Miller, Sam Rife, Harry Sommer, Chiam Uhr** and **Abe Woolf.**

Others in the increasing numbers of MSG members active in the current phase of the campaign are **Morris Appleby, Harry Arbus, Moe Freedman, Ben Goldmintz, Robert Kay, Harry Keystone, Fred Levitt, Fred Litwin** and **Jack Wainberg.**

The next meeting of MSG canvassers is scheduled for May 8th.

The Travel Division is now in full swing with the assistance of **Emil Aufgang, Robert Fein, Robert Kay** and **Israel Reichman.**

The Construction Division is quick to point out that it's easier to raise funds now that construction work is well underway. A recent "working" session was attended by volunteer workers **William Clarfield, Larry Ginsberg, Dorothy Gordon, Harry Gorman, Howard Isenberg, Harold Lederman, Murray Levinter** and **Hy Shore.**

Esther Exton is back! A thousand welcomes, Esther. She will be monopolizing the phone lines to make up for lost time, so be prepared for a call from Esther at her most persuasive self. Esther Exton, Deputy Chairman of the Women's Auxiliary Campaign, can be proud of the efforts of the Women's Auxiliary whose members have continued to be active in the campaign. Those attending a recent planning meeting were **Jean Bach, Faye Estrin** (doing a great job), **Lilyan Gutmann, Florence Kizell, Betty Lucatch, Mary Pearlstein, Toots Smith, Vera Walker** and **Alma Waldman.**

Esther Exton

Jack Constant

Our special 'Canvasser of the Week' is **Jack Constant**, a long time Baycrest volunteer and enthusiastic campaigner who continues to achieve outstanding results for Baycrest. Runners-up at the present time are **Abe Posluns** in Top Gifts, **Alex Fisher, Edwin Goldstein**, and **Gerald Sheff.**

In the Young Men's Division, we are all pleased by the performance of **Richard Cooper, David Hertzman** and **Nathan Lindenberg.**

Individual achievement always deserves encouragement, so we are pleased to recognize the efforts of **Dr. Jerry Kirshenbaum** of the Dental Division, **Jerry Friedman** of the Accountants' Division and **Sam Carr** who continues to bring in gifts from members of the United Jewish People's Order (U.J.P.O.).

Other major pledges have recently been obtained by **Sam Ruth, Lorne Miller** and **Norman White.**

The next canvassers' luncheon at the Primrose Club is scheduled for Thursday, May 3rd. Please telephone your reservation to 789-3241.

A special message to the friends and former patients of the late **Dr. Henry Himel:** if you wish to help raise funds for a special area in the new Baycrest Hospital to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Himel's work and life, please call **Sam Ruth** at 789-3241.

Happy Passover to all!

Survivors join church service

TORONTO —

When Elly Gotz and Ada Wynston light two of the six memorial candles at the fourth annual Christian service in memory of the Holocaust, on Sunday, April 29 at Islington United Church, it will mark the first time Holocaust survivors have participated in this Christian memorial.

They will be joined in the candlelighting by David Hart and Debbie Vigoda, co-chairpersons of Holy Blossom Temple's interfaith committee, and John Grady of Islington United Dialogue and his 8-year-old son Andrew.

The service is cosponsored by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, The Christian subcommittee of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress, and the Ecumenical Forum of Canada.

Other sponsors include church bodies representative of all major Christian denominations, and in another first, local churches in the neighborhood where the service is being held. The service begins at 4 p.m.

Islington United Church is at 25 Burnhamthorpe Rd., a short distance from the Islington subway station. For additional information, call Christian-Jewish Dialogue, 416-364-3101.

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Organizations and People

UIA official speaks to Ontario women

New absorbtion centres established for Falashas

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Seventeen new absorption centres are being operated in Israel for Ethiopian Jews who have arrived there within recent months, according to the director-general of the United Israel Appeal of Canada.

Leo Marcus, who is based in Israel, told a day-long seminar of the UIA Ontario Womens Division last week that progress is being made in getting Jews out of Ethiopia and he reported that efforts are being made to rescue Iranian Jews.

United Israel Appeal (Keren Hayesod) is the fund raising arm of the Jewish Agency. The Agency assists in the reception, settlement and absorption of Israel's immigrants as well as providing a wide range of social services.

Marcus, a Canadian who made aliya in 1979, said that one-sixth of UIA funds are used for immigration and absorption; about 10% helps distressed neighborhoods in Israel and about one-third is used to help needy students attend institutions of higher learning. There are expenditures also for Youth Aliyah (the rehabilitation of disadvantaged youth) and for various other social services.

The seminar here was organized to provide information and motivation for key UIA campaign workers from the smaller Jewish communities throughout Ontario. Some 40 women from Hamilton, St. Catharines and other centres attended. In all, nine communities in the Ontario Region run a

Leo Marcus

Womens Division campaign for the UIA.

According to Lynda Pearl-Cartu, chairman of the Ontario Region Womens Division, the women's campaign last year brought in gifts from 2,600 contributors totaling over $366,000.

In addition to Pearl-Cartu and Marcus, other speakers during the day included Walter Hess, executive vice-president of UIA of Canada, Lou Sklar, vice-chairman of the Ontario Region and Meron Medzini, director of leadership development of UIA-Keren Hayesod.

Reporting on the Ontario Region's Project Renewal in Or Yehuda, Sklar pointed to the successful Chaim Yosef After School Club set up by UIA three years ago in Or Yehuda.

Or Yehuda, said Sklar, has a population of 20,000 and is located near Ben-Gurion Airport. The Ontario project covers the Histadrut neighborhood which has some 6,200 residents, most of whom came from Iran, Turkey and Georgia [in the USSR]. About 30% live below the national income average and overcrowding is common in the apartment units, where 17%

Meron Medzini

of all families live three or more to a room.

The After School Club for 7- to 11-year-olds from underprivileged homes, meets in a rented apartment and participants receive a hot meal every evening. "Many of these kids would not be eating at all if we didn't provide that meal," said Sklar.

Pearl-Cartu said that through UIA Canada's efforts, residents are now able to buy their own apartments in the neighborhood rather than having to rent. She added that thanks to UIA aid, 1,400 apartments have been enlarged.

Besides social problems in underprivileged areas, Israel faces other tensions such as the split between Orthodox and secular, Sephardic and Ashkenazic, veterans and newcomers, rural and urban areas, men and women, and the older and younger populations, Medzini told seminar participants.

The 52-year-old Jerusalemite, the former director of the Israel government press office, said one of the country's main issues has been the Lebanon war.

He said it would be a "major error" if Israel left Lebanon because the moment it leaves it no longer has a say in the country's political situation.

Medzini expressed concern with Israel's economic situation.

He said inflation is well over 200% and attributes this to the Israel-Egypt peace treaty which cost Israel a "fortune . . . Between 1967-78 we invested $17 million U.S. in the Sinai for settlements and other purposes for which we didn't get a cent from Egypt," Medzini said.

The future of the West Bank will be dealt with in the upcoming Israeli elections, though they will take lower priority than economic and social problems and Lebanon, according to Medzini.

In Leo Marcus' view, the most critical problem Israel faces now is "the retention of its centrality in terms of Jewish life," which, he said, has eroded as a result of the Lebanon war.

"What Israel did in Lebanon was not properly explained and we got bad press and a double standard was applied to us," Marcus told The Canadian Jewish News in an interview following the seminar.

Israeli accreditation

CA test agreement reached

TORONTO —

An agreement has been reached with the Auditors' Council of Israel to allow interested Canadian chartered accountants (CA) to take the Israeli chartered public accountant (CPA) exam on Nov. 1 in Montreal.

The Israel Aliya Centre, in co-operation with Stanley Yetnikoff, a local CA, have arranged for Dov Kantor of Israel to organize a course to prepare Canadian accountants for the exam.

The first part of the course will be an 8-month correspondence course, prepared by Kantor. The second part will be a 10-day crash course given in Montreal by Kantor.

Harry Wolle, director of the centre, pointed out that Canadian CAs are exempt from 13 of the 16 examinations required to qualify as an Israeli CPA. The three exams required are: Law of bodies corporate; labor and commercial law; tax laws.

The course will cost $700 U.S.

For more information contact the centre at 665-7772.

For Western provinces call Judi Waldman at (204) 943-6494 or write her at Canadian Zionist Federation, 365 Hargrave St., Winnipeg, R3B 2K3.

Peled Bar-Ilan emissary

TORONTO —

Bar-Ilan University has appointed Micha Peled as special Jerusalem emissary to Canada, according to a release from the university.

The release said he will be raising funds for faculties and projects at Bar-Ilan, as well as overseeing public relations.

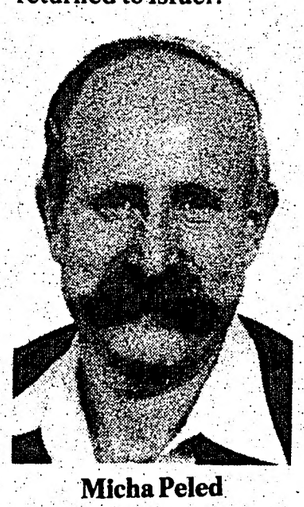
Peled will concentrate, at this time, the release said, on "getting support for and arousing interest in," the Ya'akov Herzog Faculty of Law at the university.

A dinner in support of the law faculty and honoring Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan, will be held in Toronto Aug. 8.

Peled, raised and educated on a kibbutz in Israel, served in North America from 1969-72 as a representative of the Labor Zionist Youth Movement in Western Canada and the United States.

He returned in 1975 as executive director of the Jewish National Fund in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

In 1983, Peled, his wife Beverly and children Inbal and Noah, returned to Israel.



Micha Peled

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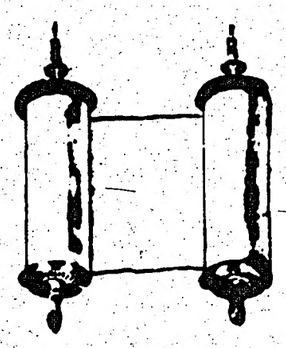

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Pesach 5744/Song of Songs

Torah gives saychel — Torah deserves respect.

A certain rabbi wrote a sefer and set a price — for other scholars it was five rubles, but for plain Jews it was 10 rubles.

One rabbi purchased the sefer for five rubles, and then brought in to the author a whole pile of notes filled with comments and criticisms of the sefer. The author looked through the notes, found nothing, and said: "You owe me another five rubles — I thought you were a scholar. . . ."

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There is no love like the love the Al-mighty has for the Jewish people. People grow tired of each other, but the Ribono shel Olam never falters.

On Pesach we recite the Shir Hashirim, the Song of Songs, a love poem between the "groom" — the Al-mighty — and the "bride" — the Jewish people. Why? Because then the Al-mighty could not bear to wait any longer — despite our being soiled with the mud, bricks and sins of Egypt. He lifted us up and brought us to Him!

Said Rabbi Akiva: the whole Scripture is Holy, but the Song of Songs is Holy of Holies. Why? Explained Reb Israel Salanter, all other verses can be understood in their plain meaning (pshat) and their symbolic meaning. But Song of Songs? With its sensual graphic descriptions? How can it be understood but in its sacred, mystic interpretation?

Once a group of young freethinkers met the Dubner Maggid and insisted he teach the Song of Songs — but with the **plain** meaning. He refused, explaining with a parable: A young groom was set up in business by his father-in-law. He sent him to the Leipzig fair to buy "schoirah," (merchandise) but warned him: "Don't get anything that has holes or cracks in it — it must be whole."

Meanwhile, his mother-in-law asked that while in Leipzig, he buy her a food-strainer. The young man returned a few weeks later, laden with all goods — but didn't buy the strainer. "Why not?" demanded his mother-in law.

"My father-in-law said not to buy anything that has holes and cracks in it," explained the naive son-in-law, "and every strainer I found had holes, so I left it."

"Genius!" she explained, "a strainer is supposed to have holes!"

"So also," explained the Dubner Maggid, "all Scripture comes with many levels of interpretation. But not the Song of Songs, it's supposed to have only the level of symbolism. . . ."

There is a mystic level to the Jewish people that no politicians, no rationalists can explain or understand. There is a holiness, an eternalness, a complete absorbtion and unity with the Al-mighty that can never be broken.

We are a holy people. We are a holy people. If we only knew what we were!

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"Your eyes are like doves. . . ." (Song of Songs 1:15). Why are Jews compared to doves? However far a dove flies, it always peers backwards to glimpse its nest. So also, however far a Jew wanders from his source, a little of him always gazes back . . . back.

May the Jewish people find themselves this Pesach. Shabbat Shalom.

"I could never preach the same way again"

Israel changes minister's outlook

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

"Israel is truly the miracle on the Mediterranean," said Rev. Ronald Scott, chairman of Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto at its recent annual general meeting, held at Toronto's St. Clement Anglican Church.

Scott, who just returned from his first trip to Israel, said the experience was "uplifting" and "most enriching."

"I could never preach the same way again," said Scott of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. "My visit to Israel brought me into intimate contact with the roots of my own faith, Christianity, and also enabled a direct encounter with the living Israel through her sites and people.

"We, as Christians, have a stake in the well-being of Israel and her citizens," he declared.

Scott was one of 12 Canadian clergymen attending the Pilgrimage Promotion 84 tour hosted by the Israeli ministry of tourism. The entire delegation included 160 Christians from 23 different countries who took part in a 9-day whirlwind tour — spanning Israel's historical, religious and modern sites.

"The juxtaposition of ancient versus modern and the diversity of landscape in such a concentrated mass was overwhelming," he said.

Smith reported on a meeting with Joseph Emanuel, general secretary of the Israel Interfaith Association in Jerusalem which he referred to as a "productive exchange of information toward the perpetuation of worldwide interfaith and understanding."

Since its founding in 1957, the Israel Interfaith Association has sponsored educational and social activities aimed at breaking down the barriers of ignorance, suspicion, fear and enmity. Its membership includes Jews, Christians, Muslims and Druze.

While the trip was apolitical in purpose, Scott said that questions of security, soaring inflation and the plight of Palestinian refugees were raised by the delegation, tour leaders and Israeli city officials.

Upon his return, Scott said he adopted three personal resolutions of which the first two are already under way: to investigate the purchase of Israel Bonds, to polish up his Hebrew, and to return to Israel soon.

The Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto Board is comprised of members from the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, the Canadian council of Christians and Jews, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto and the Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada.

Its primary purpose is to foster, stimulate and encourage better understanding and interaction between Christians and Jews through dialogues, seminars, workshops and cooperative efforts.

Ethnic project for Scouts

TORONTO —

A new department of multicultural scouting will be established by the Boy Scouts of Canada in the Metro Toronto region in cooperation with the federal ministry of multiculturalism.

In making the announcement last week, John Plumadore, the new Toronto-based director of multiculturalism, said he would "establish a dialogue with individual ethnic communities through their members, agencies and societies."

Plumadore added:

"The knowledge, understanding and empathy gained through these contacts will be shared with both volunteers and support staff of Boy Scouts of Canada. As a result, further development of the capabilities of staff and volunteers will be achieved."

Axworthy to speak at Collenette dinner

TORONTO —

The friends of David Collenette will honor the federal minister of state for multiculturalism at a $150-a-plate tribute dinner May 9 in the Centennial Ballroom of Inn on the Park.

The guest speaker will be his colleague, Lloyd Axworthy, federal minister of transport.

Torontonians of various multicultural backgrounds are expected to attend. Those wishing to attend are asked to write to the dinner chairman, Abdul Rahim, at 108 Wickson Trail, Toronto, M1B 1P3.

No place like home for giant rhinos

TORONTO —

Vinu and Indira, two great Indian rhinoceros at the Metro Toronto Zoo, made their public debut in their new $700,000 home recently.

The building is 20x25 metres in size and it is located in the Indo-Malayan section of the zoo, across from the Village Edge Pavilion.

Features of the new building include unobstructed viewing for the visitor as well as indoor and outdoor exhibit space.

Sharing this beautiful building will be Malayan tapirs and various species of birds.

The zoo's horticultural department has also added a natural look to the interior of the pavilion with the addition of large, tropical plants.

The rhinoceros pavilion now becomes part of the "Indoor Zoo." This includes the many climate-controlled pavilions at the zoo as well as the new children's zoological centre.

The Metro Toronto Zoo is one of a few zoos in the world to possess the Great Indian rhinoceros. These animals are now limited in their range to national parks and game reserves in India.

Both of Toronto's rhinos were born in the Mysore Zoo in India. Vinu was born in 1971 and his mate, Indira, in 1975.

Vice consul's hands full fielding tough questions

TORONTO —

Israel's vice-consul had a busy time at a recent Israel Update function trying to answer questions by members of the Jewish community.

Ephraim Ben-Mattityahu, guest speaker of the Canadian Zionist Federation - sponsored function at Adath Israel Synagogue, responded to a variety of concerns on Lebanon, Israel's security, the economic crisis and the PLO.

Several members of the large audience stressed the need for continuous dialogue between Israel's representatives and the community at large.

Both the speaker and the CZF agreed to sponsor programs on a regular basis. Chairman of the event was Max Goody of the CZF.

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Organizations and People

Professor says foreign trade dictates behavior

Canada forced to see Palestinians in new light

By VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO — The Canadian government views Palestinians as a people with its own political movement, literature and ideology, according to Prof. David Dewitt, national chairman of Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East, who was the keynote speaker at a Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's public affairs lecture recently.

"Canadian foreign policy recognizes the PLO as an integral part of the body politic of the Arab community," said Dewitt, professor of political science at York University. "Canada started out in 1948 by acknowledging Palestinians as refugees. From there she (Canada) recognized them as a community, then a people, a nation, and now possibly a state," he said.

"Canada is a loyal ally to Israel yet feels, simultaneously, that the Palestinians are part of the Mideast equation. Canadian foreign policy in the Mideast regarding the Palestinian position has reached consensus among our three major political parties," Dewitt pointed out.

Stating that Canadian foreign policy has changed dramatically since Trudeau came to power, he said Canada has moved from a multilateral approach via the United Nations forum to a more direct, bilateral approach and face to face negotiations.

"Today, Canadian foreign policy is 'head on' as our secretary of state for external affairs visits directly with world leaders. Coalitions are now forming and the U.S. is no longer regarded as the superpower with the same clout it once had. Nor is the UN the peacekeeping force it was designed to be," said Dewitt.

"Some 135 wars have occurred since World War II and rarely has the UN interceded," he added.

"The world is exceptionally complex today. A country you assume to be your ally may not really be because national interests cut across many issues, alliances and cleavages," Dewitt said.

"During the Trudeau era, Canada has expanded her interests worldwide into foreign trade, investment, finance and insurance with the proliferation of Canadian embassies abroad," he noted.

Dewitt cited Petro-Canada, Bell Canada, Northern Telecom and engineering firms as examples of Canadian companies which are doing business — profitably — in the Middle East.

This changing sophistication and more aggressive approach to international affairs has led to widespread public opinion and lobbying. "The Canadian government is currently faced with some 195 different domestic lobbying groups with interests in the Middle East."

He said the department of external affairs holds "tremendous" power today with its recent amalgamation of trade and commerce portfolios, which have been absorbed into external affairs.

"Decision makers have a lot to balance and the Arab/Israeli conflict is only one of a plethora of Mideast issues they have to grapple with on a daily basis," he said.

The Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East is a national organization which is faculty-based and has a membership of 850 professors from Canadian universities. The organization, which publishes a bi-monthly journal, aims to educate the public about the Mideast from a political, economic, social and cultural point of view.

Talking book first for author

Torgov wins CNIB award

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO — Morley Torgov has been chosen by the Canadian National Institute of the Blind National Library as recipient of the first CNIB Talking Book of the Year Award for his novel The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick.

The announcement was made at the annual meeting of the national library division of the CNIB on April 9.

Although the Toronto novelist and lawyer is no stranger to awards — he won the Leacock Award for Humor in 1975 for A Good Place to Come From and again in 1983, for Maximilian Glick — the CNIB honor was the first for his double talents as an author and a reader.

Torgov narrated the book himself.

"I'd never recorded one of my books — or anyone else's before," he told The Canadian Jewish News, "and, no pun intended, it was a truly novel experience."

Morley Torgov

The book, published in print by Lester and Orpen Dennys, was selected by a panel of judges from among Canadian books recorded at the CNIB in 1983. Selection criteria included literary merit, outstanding technical quality and effective narration.

Close runner-ups were The Moons of Jupiter by Alice Munro, published by Macmillan and narrated by Aileen Seaton and The Establishment Man by Peter Newman, published by McClelland and Stewart and narrated by Mike Kramer.

These talking books are available to blind persons across Canada from the CNIB Library, 1929 Bayview Ave., Toronto (416-486-2581) and to all print handicapped readers from public libraries throughout the country.

Students protest

TORONTO — The North American Jewish Students' Network and North American High School Organization Network have appealed to the Canadian government to publicly condemn the recent attack in Jerusalem on Israeli citizens by the PLO.

A spokesman for the groups said the incident was not isolated and "is a continuation of the PLO's murderous activities, which have gone on for two decades and will continue, as long as they are given support by friendly governments."

He said this included the Canadian government, which "carries out negotiations with terrorists even though these terrorists continue their slaughter of innocent civilians in Israel and throughout the world."

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Organizations and People

AT TJC ANNUAL MEETING

Toronto Jewish Congress president Irving Feldman, right, poses with Marty Goldberg and Sheila Engel, top left, who received Leadership Development Awards at Toronto Jewish Congress annual meeting. Top right, Rose Wolfe proudly displays Ben Sadowski Award of Merit for outstanding community service, presented to her by Dr. Arnold A. Epstein at Toronto Jewish Congress annual meeting. At left is TJC president Feldman. [Graphic Artists photo].

Abella to labor post

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO — Rosalie Abella, a judge of the Ontario Provincial Court family division was appointed last week to head the Ontario Labor Relations Board.

The 37-year-old Torontonian who has been a family court judge since 1976 will start her new $72,000 a year job next September. She will replace George Adams, who resigned as OLRB chairman last month.

Abella told The Canadian Jewish News that although family law and labor relations involve a different kind of adjudication she's very pleased with the appointment because "labor law and industrial relations is an exciting area."

The judge said she's not sure at this point what her new job will entail but it will likely include ruling on applications for union certification, deciding whether strikes may have been called illegally and other matters.

There are 94 fulltime employees at the OLRB which has a budget of more than $4 million.

Last June, on the recommendation of then minister of employment and immigration Lloyd Axworthy, Abella was appointed to head a 1-person Royal Commission on Equality and Employment for the federal government (CJN April 5).

She is presently completing the 6-month inquiry into public service job opportunities for women, native Canadians, minority groups and the handicapped and will extend her leave of absence from family court duties for the 2-year renewable term as OLRB chairman.

Abella is the first woman to be appointed chairman of the OLRB.

Nachman Shemen, right, the first recipient of the Joseph Tanenbaum Jewish Writers Award, seen with Meyer Feldman, centre, who made the presentation at recent Toronto Jewish Congress annual meeting, and Tanenbaum. On left is TJC president Irving Feldman. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Author's experiences help in writing book

Second Exodus a first novel for Haifa poetess

By
DVORA WAYSMAN

JERUSALEM [WZPS]— Ada Aharoni is well known in Israel and abroad as a poet. A professor of English Literature, she has produced five volumes of poetry in English including "From the Pyramids to Mount Carmel — Metal and Violets," and two volumes of English translations of Hebrew poets.

But now the Haifa poetess has turned to fiction and her novel The Second Exodus has been published in the U.S. It is a historical novel embodying a love story, with its theme the tragedy of alienation and uprootedness. And Ada Aharoni is very well qualified to write it.

The first Exodus, recounted at Passover when the Jews fled Egypt, is universally known from the Bible. Not so the second Exodus, although it happened in the middle of our own century.

Out of the 100,000 Jews who lived in Egypt in 1948, less than 200 remain today. Ada was one of those forced to flee and she recounts the trauma she experienced through the fictious character of Inbar, a Jewish-Egyptian woman and her group of friends.

The novel details the story of Inbar's family. Her father is a respected judge in Cairo, but his position cannot protect them when the State of Israel is born and a wave of violent anti-semitism is unleashed in Egypt. Jews are imprisoned and exiled, and the second Exodus begins.

Inbar's story is dramatic. She fights against her plight, her lack of identity as a Jew in Egypt and the breakup of her family. Her secure, sheltered, happy world is shattered.

She survives exile and separation from her lover Raoul — a survivor of the Nazi Holocaust, eventually finding a home in Israel and, with it, a sense of identity and a measure of peace.

Although The Second Exodus is a work of fiction, its facts are historically accurate. Ada herself was born and educated in Cairo, but was forced to flee in 1949.

Because of her own experiences, she is able to portray the insecurity of the status Jews held in Egypt even before 1948; the rootlessness of the community and the effect of the emerging State of Israel on anti-semitism in Egypt.

She describes it all in retrospect: the siege of Jerusalem; the birth of the state; "the night of the cinemas" rampage in Cairo; the deposition of King Farouk by Naguib; the rise of such "free officers" as Nasser and Sadat; the hanging of Israeli agents in Cairo.

The novel is symbolic, with the hero and heroine representing two different aspects of the Jewish people: Inbar — the Sephardi — part of the Jews from Arab lands; and Raoul, the European Ashkenazi victim of the Holocaust.

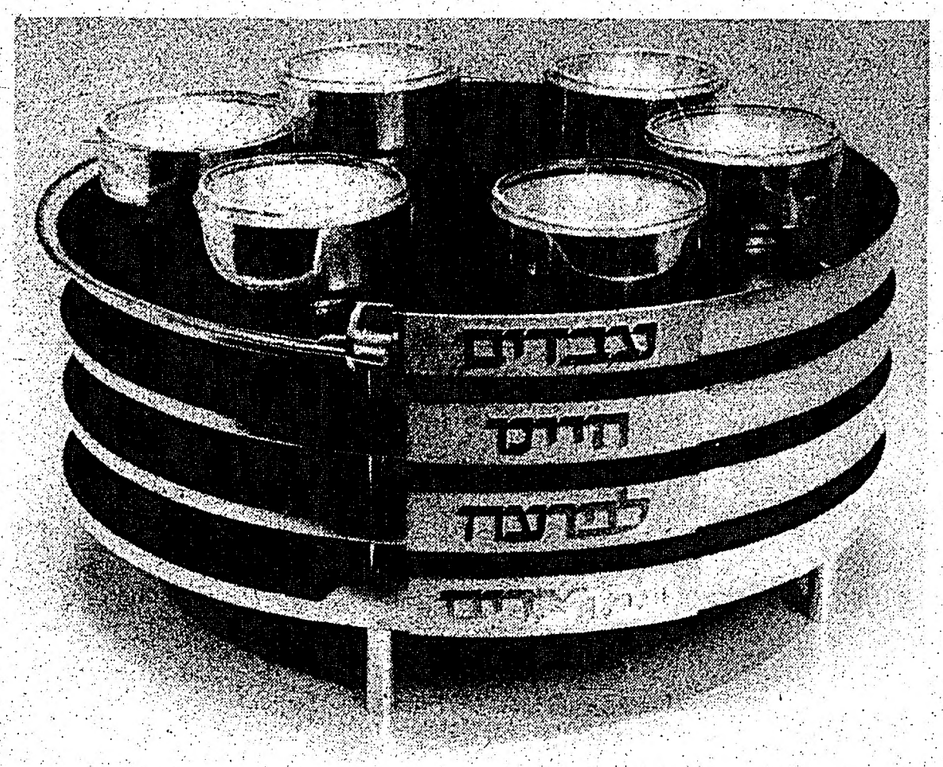
Ada's purpose was to open a window on the essence of this erstwhile community, displaying its mores and values, its rich culture and the relationship with Arab Egypt. Having been a witness, she easily recaptures the texture and charm of this vanished world, as well as its tragedy.

Unfortunately, some critics have pointed out that the poetess has yet to learn that the novelist's dialogue differs from the accepted in poetry, demanding a more realistic approach. This is the flaw in Ada Aharoni's fine book.

Known in Israel as "the poet of peace," Ada has not let bitterness affect her, although she is often nostalgic for the privileged life she remembers from her childhood in Cairo. On the contrary, she works actively in Israel for The Bridge — an association of Arab and Jewish women formed to foster understanding between the two groups. She is especially effective because of her multicultural background — in Egypt she was educated in English, spoke French at home and Arabic in the streets.

Her novel, The Second Exodus, uses the fictional form to tell, for the first time, the story of the Jews' expulsion from Egypt. While the plight of Palestinian refugees makes world headlines, relatively few people know the other side of the coin — the hundreds of thousands of Jews forced to flee Arab lands. She sees her job as capturing and passing on the stories of these Sephardic Jews who have very real stories to tell.

So far — nobody seems to have listened very much. Ada Aharoni's work cannot fail to attract the attention it deserves.



Pesach plate and matzoh tray in silver by contemporary Jerusalem ceremonial Jewish artist Gumbel. Each of the four trays carries a word from the Hebrew phrase that says, "We were slaves unto Pharaoh in Egypt." [WZPS photo]

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"We have had great success here"

Children's village gives springboard to society

By
DAVID BIRKAN

JERUSALEM —

Visitors are invited to come by and see one of Israel's latest successful social experiments in progress here — a children's shelter combining foster home and institution.

Orr Shalom Children's Village is providing a springboard to society for 24 severely dislocated children, aged 7-18.

"We are the first project providing all the professional services of an institution with a real family life," said Daphna Amram, Orr Shalom's social worker.

Eight children each live in three houses in the hilly countryside just west of Jerusalem. One is in the small suburb of Motza Illit and the other two in Moshav Sapir, near the Hadassah Hospital. Each house is staffed by a live-in couple, two with children of their own, providing a family nucleus.

The professional staff includes a psychologist, education specialists and tutors.

"We have had great successes here," Amram told The Canadian Jewish News. "Our children have gone from being extremely hostile and anti-social to being able to get along with others and cope with the realities of life."

Children referred to Orr Shalom by the ministry of social welfare have usually been particularly hard hit by dislocations in their lives. They are also veterans of previous rehabilitation efforts, and include:

• Two young boys ejected from a home shattered by drinking bouts, beatings and infidelity.

• An epileptic girl, now 12, the youngest child of a 40-year-old mother and 70-year-old father, who rampaged through five foster homes beginning when she was 6 months old.

• A boy with Down's Syndrome and his two sisters, orphaned and passed from grandfather to aunt and, when they died, to uncle.

• A girl forced into foster homes at infancy upon the nervous breakdown of her mother and the debilitation of her father.

"One child and his two brothers came to us like wild animals, eating with their hands and relieving themselves on the floor wherever they happened to be. That was two years ago," said Amram. "The eldest, who was the worst, has now developed into the leader in his house. All three are doing very well at school."

Orr Shalom was founded about three years ago by psychologists Hal and Shelley Cohen, two olim from the U.S.

Amram is planning to publicize Orr Shalom in Toronto later this year.

For more information, contact Orr Shalom, POB 6131, Jerusalem, Israel. The phone number is 02-419554.

Etti Ward, centre, originally from India, is flanked by Irit, left, and Anat Biazi, as they prepare for Passover.

This freedom rings true

By
RABBI S. KOROLNEK

Nothing moves man more than an idea, and few ideas have turned man more than the idea of freedom.

Many are the examples in history of fights for freedom, by individuals, groups and even nations, but none has so captivated the minds and hearts of countless generations, or inspired mankind than has the struggle for freedom by the Jews in Pharaoh's Egypt.

But few people have taken note of the qualities that freedom must possess to succeed. Why is this freedom attained by the Jews in Pharaoh's Egypt different from all other freedoms acquired throughout history? Many who have looked to this grand Exodus as the shining example, so difficult to emulate, did so with the usual jaundiced eye of the disoriented; they saw only the outer shell without perceiving the inner spirit.

There are two kinds of freedom.

There is freedom to be free from something, and there is freedom to be free for something. The second freedom was the kind enjoyed by the Jews of Pharaoh's Egypt, which we relive and rededicate each Pesach. Many who looked to this grand Exodus as the shining example failed to note this distinctive characteristic — that the Jews wished freedom for something, for the opportunity to serve the Almighty to the fulness of their capacity. It is for this reason alone that their freedom rings true and everlasting.

Many who looked for inspiration saw only the external factor, and took up the cry of freedom before knowing what kind of freedom they wanted, or what freedom was to mean to them or, most important, what they would do with freedom once acquired.

The result of these attempts? The pages of history are strewn with the pieces and fragments of bloody destructiveness by people gone wild with freedom.

There is nothing as priceless as freedom. But the pricelessness explains why the strongest of controls are required over this incalculable commodity. He who demands freedom must first be able to show what he intends to do with it.

The Jews of Pharaoh's Egypt came to Pharaoh with the request, stated by Moses and Aaron in the name of the Almighty: "Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto Me in the wilderness." (Exodus 5:1). This was no idle request, simply "we want freedom." This was a request with a stated purpose. The Jews wanted to hold a feast, but it could not be done as long as the Jews were restricted in Egypt. To hold the feast, they first, had to have freedom.

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Israeli doctor discovers a method to test fetal form

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A new method of detecting a number of fetal malformations by means of a simple, inexpensive blood test has been developed by Prof. Hanoch Slor, chairman of the department of human genetics at Tel Aviv University's Sackler School of Medicine and his research group.

The test enables diagnosis of congenital defects of the spine and nervous system known as NTD's (Neural Tube Defects); several gastrointestinal disorders; and a rare hereditary kidney disease.

Based on the method as enzyme immunoassay (EIA), the test is for Alpha - fetoprotein (AFP), a substance produced by the fetus. Certain amounts of AFP in the amniotic fluid and maternal blood are normal during pregnancy, but elevated levels may indicate fetal malformations (or, in some cases, a multiple pregnancy).

Two of the most common of these defects are anencephaly, in which the development of the fetal skull and brain is impaired, and meningomyelocele. These condtions occur in more than one in 1,000 live births, and in certain areas, for example Scotland and Ireland, the incidence is as high as five per 1,000. Children born with these defects seldom live longer than a few months.

Infants with meningomyelocele can be operated on, but they remain with paralysis of the lower limbs and incontinence of their bladder in most cases.

"When such defects are present in the embryo, there will be an increase of AFP in the maternal blood, because of an increase in the amniotic fluid. We can now detect this protein as early as the 16th week of pregnancy, with a simple blood test requiring only about 1/100 of a milliliter of blood. Our method is sensitive to less than one nanogram (one-millionth of a milligram) per cubic centimeter of blood," Prof. Slor explained.

If the test is positive, a second test is done, followed by an ultrasound scan and finally amniocentesis. If the fetus has an NTD, there is still time to terminate the pregnancy before it is too far advanced.

In non-pregnant individuals, a high level of AFP in the blood may indicate a malignant tumor of the liver or ovaries (or of the testicles in males).

The new test, produced in the form of a diagnostic kit, can replace the radioimmunassay (RIA) test for AFP, which up to now was the most sensitive method for detecting that protein, and is used by several laboratories in various countries.

RIA, however, uses radioisotopes and therefore has some inherent risks for the users because of possible contamination. It also has a relatively short shelf life, poses problems of disposal of the radioactivity, and requires expensive instrumentations. Thus it is restricted to use by highly specialized laboratories.

In contrast, the new EIA test is much simpler, takes only three hours to perform, is far less expensive than RIA, and requires simple and inexpensive instrumentation. It is therefore suitable for any common clinical laboratory.

Because of its simplicity and low price, the new test is easily adaptable to a universal screening program for all pregnant women. About 20,000 women have already been tested in a pilot AFP screening program, partially funded by Israel's ministry of health, at Tel Aviv Medical Centre's Serlin Maternity Hospital. This pilot program, under the supervision of Prof. Cyril Legum of Sackler's departments of pediatrics and human genetics, initially used the RIA method and later shifted to the new EIA method. A national screening plan is now being evaluated by the ministry.

Passover plate subject to different versions

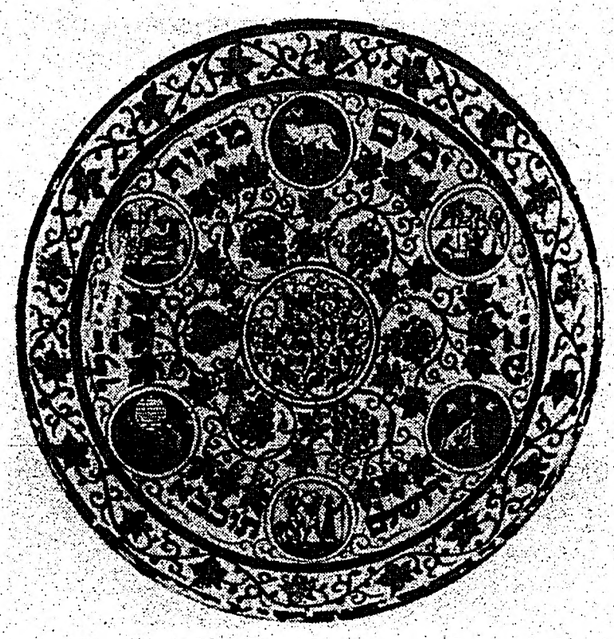
By Dr. DAVID GEFFEN

JERUSALEM [WZPS]—

The earliest reference to the ornamental plate that decorates the Passover seder table is to be found in the Mishna Pesachin. There it is called, in Hebrew, Ke'arah and the various symbolic foods relating to Passover which are to be placed upon it are also mentioned.

While the haggadah was illustrated by illumination in the Middle Ages, decorations for the Passover plate are not known until the early Renaissance period. Interestingly enough in the haggadah illuminations the Ashkenazi version of the Passover plate is depicted as round and the Sephardic and Italian versions as a woven basket.

Various materials have been used for the Passover plate including porcelain, stoneware, pewter, wood, silver and in more recent times plastic. The plates contain a variety of pictures relating to the exodus from Egypt, the seder meal itself and the four sons. These illustrations added an additional dimension to the educational value of the seder table, and the artist's work made the setting even more festive.



Seder plate — glazed earthenware with symbols of the Festival, Jerusalem, 19th century. [WZPS photo]

Ceramic plates for Passover are known from the 1500s. They were made initially in Spain and later in Italy. The Delft seder dish from the 1600s is considered a classic in its own right. A 20th century English bone china seder plate with individual dishes for each of the Passover seder symbols is no less outstanding.

Even the Jewish community in 19th century Palestine left us a poignant reminder of its joyful celebration of Passover — a glazed cermaic seder plate which can be found today in the Wolfson Museum in Jerusalem. The aspects of the Passover story are depicted but most important is the word Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) on the face of the plate. This plate was a dramatic reminder for all those who used it of the concluding words in the seder: "Next Year in Jerusalem."

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Finnish memorial to Jews

Community a living monument

By
DAVID BIRKAN

JERUSALEM — Celebrating 10 years among the picturesque moshavim and villages nestling in the lush and breathtaking hills seven miles west of here is Yad Hashemona, a community unusual even by Israeli standards.

This moshav shitufi (cooperative settlement) was founded as a Finnish memorial to eight — shemona, in Hebrew — Jews deported from Finland to Auschwitz during World War II; one survived.

Its membership, including children of various ages, currently totals 45. Nearly half are Israeli Jews, and the proportion is rising.

Yad Hashemona's 120 dunams [40 acres] overlook the well-established Arab town of Abu Ghosah. While its cucumbers, cauliflower, melons, lettuce, tomatoes, pears and other produce largely provide for the needs of the members, the moshav's carpentry shop is exporting to the environs.

Yad Hashemona's mainstay is tourism, more specifically, providing stopovers or extended stays for about half of the more than 2,000 Finns who visit Israel annually.

"Yad Hashemona is a living monument to the Jews from Finland who were killed in the Holocaust," Dina Kohonen told The Canadian Jewish News. "Rather than with a plaque, we in Finland decided to do it this way." Kohonen has been a member for nine years.

During World War II, Finland found in Nazi Germany the strong ally she needed to protect her from repeated attempts by the Soviet Union to seize territory.

On her own, she had held off the Soviet army for three months in early 1939. Despite the acknowledged justice of Finland's case in the territorial dispute at the time and her valor, Finland fought alone.

In the 1939 battle and later, all Finland's able-bodied Jews served in the army. Finland's Jews received full civil rights after the Russian Revolution, when Russia finally lost its 110-year hold on the country.

Finland admitted Jewish doctors

Between World Wars I and II, young immigrants from Russia brought the Jewish population up to 2,000. In 1938, Finland admitted a number of Jewish doctors and scientists fleeing Norway and Denmark.

During WW II, the Finns were as adamant in resisting their ally Hitler's demand to deport the community as they had been in holding off the might of the Soviet army in 1939. The Finnish authorities, led by Field Marshal Mannerheim, refused to turn over German-Jewish refugees and resisted anti-Jewish measures. Under relentless pressure, they finally agreed to a shipment of 50 Jews.

Before the group reached the ship that was to carry them to their death, Mannerheim intervened and stopped their departure. Eight, however, had already boarded.

The idea of starting a Finnish moshav to commemorate the eight was implemented by a Protestant Bible-based group in Helsinki called the Carmel Association. In 1962, it sent a group of about 25 volunteers for a year's stay in Kiryat Anavim, a kibbutz near the present site of Yad Hashemona. Groups were sent every year after, to Kiryat Anavim, nearby Moshav Neve Ilan and to Kibbutz Gevim in the upper Negev near Gaza. Construction of their own moshav, officially established three years earlier, took place in 1974.

Said Anja Suomela, one of the founders: "We believe in both books. Our roots are in the Old Testament, so we feel a connection with Israel." Every morning, prayers are read in Finnish and Hebrew. The children have both a Chanuka and Christmas tree in December, and songs are sung on both Shabbat and Sunday.

The Hebrew heard is fluent and literate. The children will serve in the Israeli army when they come of age.

"We don't want to be separate from the Israeli way of life," said Ms. Kohonen in explaining the moshav's policy of admitting local Israelis. "We want Yad Hashemona to develop into a bridge in Israel between Finns and Israelis."

One of the 22 Israeli members is Beni Bronstein, a former press photographer from Jerusalem who was captivated by the beautiful surroundings when he came to visit a buddy here four years ago. Postponing his desire to resume painting, he currently serves as the moshav's electrician, handyman and spokesman. "My life here feels more purposeful and meaningful than it ever did before," he said. A non-observant Jew, the 37-year-old bachelor has become increasingly aware of aspects of his Jewishness here.

The moshav's kitchen is not kosher, although prohibited foods are not prepared there. Single adults, Jewish and Gentile, eat together at the communal table in the rustic book-lined dining room. Families take their meals in private. There is no proselytizing or hint of it.

Yad Hashemona is one of several Christian settlements in Israel. The proven decency of its forefathers, its cultural duality, and its vulnerability to misinterpretation make it one of the most complex of Israel's communities.

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First grave dates back to 1660

Doctors were first Jews to settle in Barbados

By GORDON ALLEN

When I think of the West Indies, I — like thousands of others, I'm sure — think of sun, sea and sand. I do sometimes think of the turbulent and colorful history of the region as the islands reeled between conquests, pirates and internal strife.

What I did not think of, except on the occasion of passing a tiny old Jewish cemetery in Montego Bay, Jamaica, is how Jewish communities fared in the Caribbean.

What I discovered in Barbados was that there had been a Jewish community there 300 years ago. The island was discovered by the Portuguese who named it after the "bearded" (barbados) fig tree found on the island and, ironically, the first Jewish settlers came there because of the Portuguese, but more of that later.

The first actual settlers were the English who retained control since 1625. The result is a peaceful, democratic, self-governing country of about 265,000 people of whom 90% are of Afro-West Indian heritage, 5% white and 5% mixed. It is a friendly, highly lierate (less than 5% illiteracy, lowest in the West Indies) country with a high standard of education.

According to the Encyclopaedia Judaica the first Jewish settlers were ex-Marranos who escaped from Brazil after it was reconquered from the Dutch by the Portuguese. The first of these were physicians: Abraham de Mercado and his son David Raphael. That was in 1655, just 30 years after the English settlement was first established.

The community grew and flourished for about 200 years, and I saw a number of reminders of that period.

The Sephardic synagogue, built on Magazine Lane in the capital, Bridgetown, on a land grant by the Earl of Carlyle, still stands, but is now a library. Nearby is the original Jewish cemetery, one of the oldest in the western hemisphere. The earliest identifiable grave is that of Aaron de Marcado, who died in 1660.

In the Barbados Museum one finds a handsome marble basin for washing hands, and a charity box dating back to 1834, that were once in the synagogue.

We did not see, but were told about, the beautiful Montefiore Fountain which was presented to Bridgetown by one John Montefiore in 1864. Still another relic of that community and showing the Dutch influence, is a windmill which was part of an early sugar plantation owned by a member of that original community.

So much for the Jewish past in Barbados. There are presently about 100 Jews who arrived in Barbados after the World War II. They maintain a community centre and hold religious services on Friday evenings at "True Blue" on Rockley New Road, about two miles east of Bridgetown.

But, back to sun, sea and sand, which is why we went to Barbados in the first place. And I can recommend it to others. It is one of the cleaner, most welcoming of the Caribbean Islands that we have visited, and we have been to as many as a half dozen for varying lengths of time.

Each courtyard faces the sea

My selection of accommodation was based on recommendation and a Canadian connection. We chose Southern Palms Beach Club which is currently managed by a man who until recently was at Toronto's Bristol Place and prior to that managed such hotels as the Alpine Inn in the Laurentians.

The hotel consists of a series of individual 3-storey structures, each with a courtyard that faces the sea. There are 93 rooms and suites (some with kitchens), two dining areas, bar and two fresh-water pools. While most of these are quite modern, there is integrated into the entire complex at least one historic former summer home with modernized interior. It makes for an interesting juxtaposition of the old and new.

A unique feature is the 900 feet of beach front [there is an additional stretch of that accessible beach to a total of 1 km . . . that's a lot of beach!]. Water sports and tennis are free except for nominal charge for night-time lighting up of the courts.

Dining, entertainment (we heard an excellent steel drum band . . . danced under the stars and sympathized with those who had to remain home in the Canada deep-freeze) and the services of a most charming and helpful social hostess help to make Southern Palms one I can recommend.

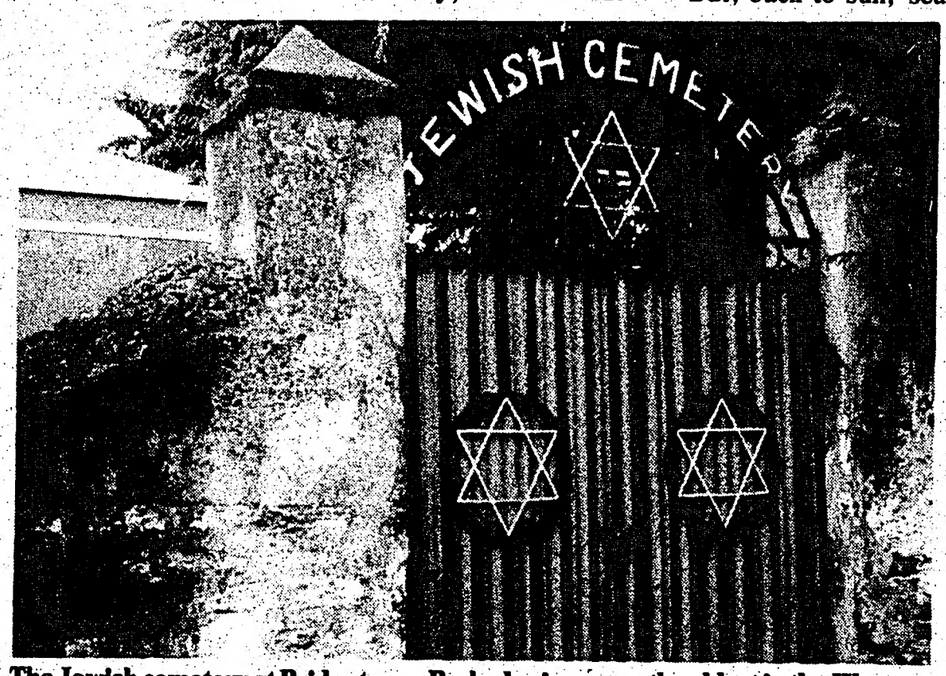
Barbados in recent years has been considered rather pricely, but the Tourist Board and the hotel people have made valiant efforts to hold the line and in many instances to roll back. As a result, today, one can vacation in Barbados for as much or as little as one wishes. There are any number of guests homes, resort complexes and small hotels that are quite reasonable.

By contrast, there are such places as the spectacular Sandy Lane (very expensive), Sam Lord's Castle which is, in part, a museum housed in what was once a pirate lair (some lair!), and near the upple-middle group, the Southern Palms.

The island, by the way, is mainly coral . . . it rises from the sandy west and southern beaches in steady progression to 1,000-foot high hills on the rugged, windswept Atlantic (east) coast.

Additional impressions. Good, but plain and often spicy cuisine, with fresh, fresh fish a mainstay. New taste experiences in this regard were flying fish and dolphin (reminiscent of tuna).

And people. Tourists from Canada, the United States and many from Britain, West Germany and Italy.



The Jewish cemetery at Bridgetown, Barbados is among the oldest in the Western hemisphere, with the earliest identifiable grave being that of Aaron de Mercado, who died in 1660.

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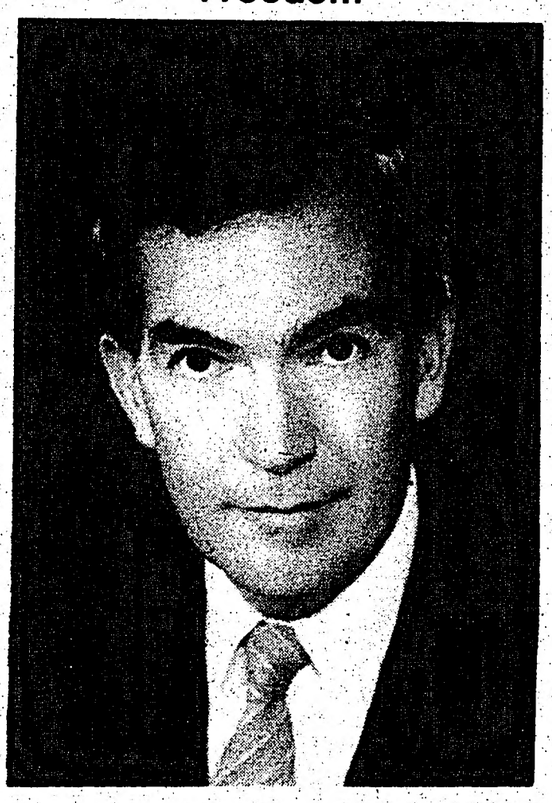

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Fear still exists

Amulets used to protect wearer from evil eye

By
Dr. FRED WEINBERG

I doubt if there is anyone who isn't superstitious to a greater or lesser degree, particularly about those things that are personally important such as the good health or the life and wellbeing of loved ones.

Who among us has not used the expression "touch wood," "keep your fingers crossed" or "kein ayan hora?" The former two expressions are of course related to the symbols of Christianity, the wood touched representing the wood of the cross. The latter saying which literally means "let there be no evil eye" is used by all peoples, and in various forms this expression is found in most cultures.

Amulets have been known and worn universally from antiquity to protect the wearer against the evil eye. The belief in the power of the evil eye is very widespread and so amulets have been used in the most primitive and in the most sophisticated civilizations. Thus they have been retrieved from prehistoric cave dwellings and from the burial crypts of Egypt and the Middle East.

The Hebrew word for amulet is kemaya, derived from an earlier Aramaic root meaning "to tie or fasten." Hebrew amulets were usually worn around the neck, on the wrist, as an armlet higher up on the arm, in the form of finger rings, earrings or as brooches fastened to clothing.

Sometimes they were hung on a wall or door or tied to a bed as in the lying-in room during childbirth.

They were frequently made of engraved metal such as silver, copper or brass or written on parchment and enclosed in a metal case.

Geometric figures of magic Cabbalistic importance, emblems and symbols such as the Star of David, the Menorah, the Hand and the Fish were sometimes engraved or drawn on them. Metal amulets were somtimes made in these shapes and since there was little space on them for engraving a system of Hebrew shorthand arose for the inscriptions using initial letters, abbreviations and mnemonics.

The evil eye is universally feared. In Italy and Sicily the power of the "Mal'occhio" is a very real belief today as is "der bose blick" in Germany and the "mauvais regard" or "oeil" in France. It is still a deep feeling today, just as it was with primitive peoples, that the evil eye befalls the fortunate and prosperous because human beauty, good luck and prosperity annoy various demons who need to be diverted by the use of the power of an amulet or a counteracting, neutralizing expression such as kein ayan hora.

Further, there is a belief that certain individuals can cast a spell on another person by means of the evil eye intentionally or otherwise. Therefore the custom has grown of never openly admiring or praising beauty or success in our loved ones.

Since demons are jealous of human success and strive to counteract it, therefore it is bad to admire and applaud good fortune and so "break a leg" is the good luck wish to a prospective performer or the use of kein ayan hora is employed to negate the evil eye.

The grandmother "poo pooing" into her grandchild's crib or fastening a red "bendel" around the infant's wrist is performing the same superstitious ritual.

And who doesn't remember the famous Chinese detective Charlie Chan of the movies who used to introduce his son as: "Please to meet my miserable, wretched and ugly offspring."

To understand the use of amulets we have to go back beyond our modern system of medical care with our control of infection and our understanding of the process of pregnancy and delivery.

Try to think of the state of mind of a woman in a society that could not prevent the frequent tragedies of childbirth. How recent it is when European medicine had to deal with, and could do very little about childbed fever with its high mortality rate until the Hungarian Jew, Semmelweiss, came along with his theories of hygiene that were rejected by his colleagues.

So a woman at any time down to the present preparing to go through childbirth would do anything to fulfil the first commandment of the Bible, "be fruitful and multiply," and not have all the hardships befall her that were frequently part of having a child.

Jewish women also wore amulets to safeguard their pregnancy, to prevent miscarriage and to assist safe delivery in childbirth.

The old traditional types of amulets have continued to be made right down to the present day.

Colored beads and bright stones are often found attached to Hebrew amulets and the color is usually a shade of red.

The protective value of red has been used for centuries against bleeding of all kinds and here we run into the frequently found principle of "like curing like." Many illnesses are characterized by bleeding, thus the need for prevention of bleeding for women during pregnancy and childbirth. And so coral or other blood-colored stones are frequently found in amulets and this persists right down to the present day when many grandmothers tie a little red ribbon around the wrist of their infant grandchild for protection and good luck, as mentioned earlier.

The red color symbolic of the principle "like curing like" is not to be dismissed lightly for it is essentially a principle of folklore and of medical science. In the folk ways it is the red color related to bleeding or as it is known in another context, as the "hair of the dog."

For example in curing a hangover you drink a small amount of the very same alcoholic beverage that caused the hang-

A Cabbalistic silver amulet with red beads and chain worn as a protection for women and during pregnancy and childbirth. [From the Judaica collection of Joy Weinberg]

over. In medical science those of you who go for a regular injection of dust, ragweed or moulds know that you are getting diluted shots of the same stuff that makes you sneeze and wheeze.

The other color that is sometimes seen in Jewish amulets is blue. And this too goes back to antiquity but is seen in modern times as the lucky color in the Middle East where people paint their houses, doors and walls blue. Jews have also accepted blue as lucky and the original color of the fringes or "tzitzes" contain blue threads, reflecting the color of the sea and the heavens.

Despite the similarity in all cultures of the use of amulets, the Jews however did not produce amulets to increase virility as did most other peoples. The Jewish laws of family purity seemed to have eliminated the need for this type of amulet because the traditional Jewish view is that sex is intended for the procreation of children.

There is only one Talmudic reference that mentions an aphrodisiac and that is related to the value of eating garlic for that purpose. "It is customary to eat garlic on the Sabbath Eve for the improvement of marital relations. . . . Five qualities are attributed to garlic: it satisfies hunger, warms the body, cheers the countenance, increases the sexual impulse and kills worms in the bowels."

I would have thought that garlic might produce the opposite effect.

It is interesting to note that traditional rabbinic Judaism has never sanctioned the use of amulets and has regarded them as tainted with magic and superstition. Maimonides condemned them, but despite authoritative and strong disapproval, amulets were widely used over the centuries by chassidic Jews, by Cabbalists and by Oriental Jews who lived for centuries amongst peoples who were great believers in the potency of amulets.

Non-chassidic Jews strongly condemned the use of amulets even though the inscriptions on them are not contrary to traditional Jewish teaching.

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Historic shul has new beginning

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

MANCHESTER —
It was an auspicious start. Sir Moses Montefiore, the great Jewish benefactor and former sheriff of London, was present in 1873 when the cornerstone was laid for the handsome Moorish style Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue on Cheetham Hill Rd. in Manchester, England.

Founded by prominent Sephardic Jewish families, the synagogue, located in the central part of the city, served the community for 100 years, until the congregation dispersed to outlying areas.

It was time to sell and move on . . . but what would happen to the once beautiful little shul?

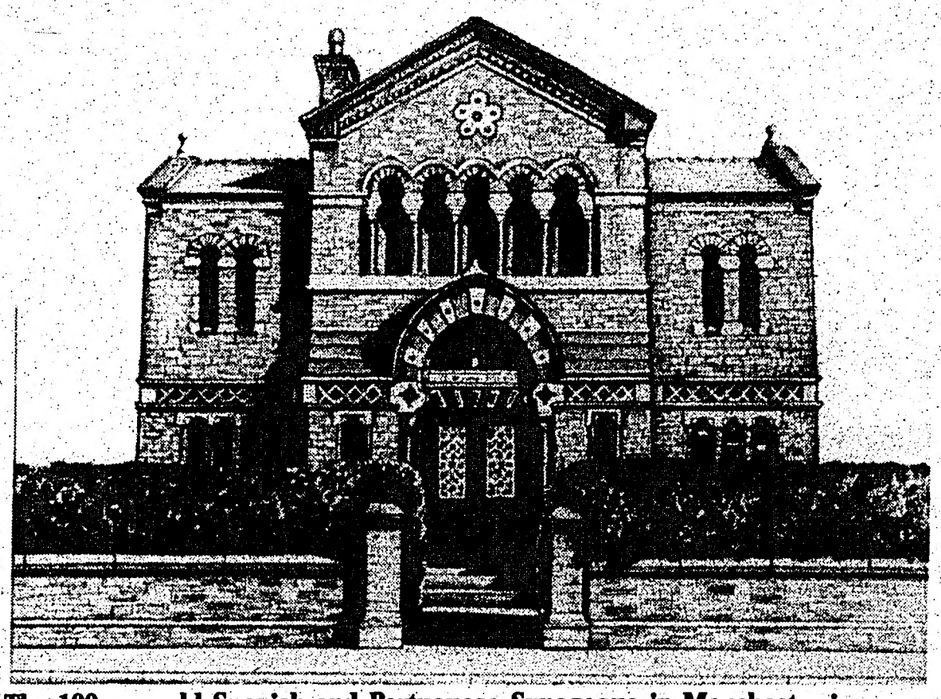
When the great synagogue of Manchester had been vacated, it was vandalized and gutted by fire within a week. Would this be the fate of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, or would it perhaps, fall into the hands of people indifferent to its past?

There is a happy ending, or rather, a new beginning.

The synagogue has been renovated and recently reopened as the Manchester Jewish Museum.

Sara Sefton Shor, a former Torontonian who made aliya, and is currently a shaliach in Manchester with her husband Ammi, explains how it happened.

In the 1970's, a university student and his professor, seeking information for a paper on the early Manchester Jewish community, discovered that there was little historic documentation of either the Sephardic sector, or the 25,000 strong 19th century influx from eastern Europe. Nor was there much organized information on Jews in other north England cities, including Liverpool.



The 100-year-old Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue in Manchester is now a Jewish museum.

There was scattered pieces of information — it was known that Jews traveled in the area as early as the 1600s, because a Jewish peddler, accosted by highwaymen at Middleton, near Manchester, had advertised in a London newspaper hoping to recover his stolen property — but few systematic records had been kept.

This realization brought action. The synagogue, listed by the department of the environment as part of the national heritage, was purchased by a registered charity, the Manchester Jewish Museum Committee, for preservation both as a memorial and a living resource centre.

"The aim is not so much to display ceremonial objects, because there is enough of that, but to present a social history of Manchester's Jews, and those of other north England communities," say Sefton Shor. "It's a little like the Museum of the Diaspora in Israel."

Funds were raised locally, and a government make work project pays the salaries for one year, of 10 qualified full and part-time employees to co-ordinate exhibitions and programs.

Sefton Shor, a graduate of CHAT and the Ontario College of Art, specializing in design, was recruited to help plan displays and publicity.

The sanctuary was restored with its lovely stained glass windows, chandeliers, Ark and bimah, virtually unchanged, as an example of a 19th century Sephardic synagogue. It will also be a setting for performances and lectures.

Benches were removed from the women's gallery to create exhibit space, and when additional funds are available, the succah, with its retractable roof, will be repaired to provide an area for temporary displays.

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Windfall brings problems for soccer pools winner

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

The newspapers headlined him as "the richest kibbutz member in Israel." The news of the windfall fortune brought in its wake not only rejoicing but also several very serious problems that have not yet been resolved. The sum of 14 million shekels (equivalent to about $130,000) which dropped in the lap of 64-year-old Moshe Keshet, of Kibbutz Hahotrim, was a climax to a story which could well make a fascinating book.

During the Holocaust period Keshet twice escaped from an internment camp in Hungary, but the second time he was caught he was sentenced to death. He was spared only by a miracle, and fell into the hands of the Red Army when it overran Hungary. For three years he was a slave laborer in a Russian coal mine, and again survived by a miracle, while all his comrades died around him like flies.

In 1947 he returned to Hungary, and a year later came to Israel. In 1956 he joined Hahotrim, a pleasant little kibbutz on the coast, just south of Haifa. He married, and today has three daughters, two of whom live in the U.S. Because he was in Hungarian concentration camps he never qualified for restitution from Germany.

One of Keshet's hobbies is following the soccer games, and each week he invests part of his kibbutz pocket money in purchase of pool tickets. A few years ago he won 30,000 Israel lirot, with which he bought a hi-fi set and a sewing machine for his wife.

He continued with his hobby, and at the beginning of January this year he made headlines when he correctly guessed the exact results of 13 games and was proclaimed the winner of 14 million shekels.

That is when his new problems began. According to kibbutz regulations, all outside income earned by members must automatically go to the kibbutz treasury. While the regulation is not always strictly enforced with small sums, the prize in this case was too large to be overlooked.

A survey of the members of Hahotrim showed a division of opinion as to what should be done. Some of the veteran members insisted there was no room for compromise; all the money had to be paid over. Other old-timers, on the other hand, felt the money was tainted since it had not been earned by self-labor, and the kibbutz should not touch it. Others rebuked Keshet for gambling. But the majority declared they believed Keshet should make his own decision.

He deliberated, changed his mind, and finally came to the following conclusion, largely under pressure of his daughters: He would give the kibbutz one million shekels (about $9,000) and keep the rest. Some of it he would give to his children, and the remainder he would use as a fund to enable him to pay periodic visits to his daughters in America.

The controversy continues to rage. It is no secret that members of many kibbutzim have outside bank accounts and even own property, usually registered in the name of a relative. Nothing is ever done about such situations, but in Keshet's case the information became public knowledge, and the kibbutz could not ignore the matter.

Some of his associates at Hahotrim agree with his decision, namely that he keep the bulk of the money, so long as he does not flaunt his wealth, for example, by driving around in a private car of his own.

According to present plans he will go to the U.S. at the end of May for a 4-month visit, following which he will decide whether to stay there, to come back to the kibbutz, or to return to Israel and live here outside the kibbutz. Much will depend on what the kibbutz itself will decide.

The whole problem will be thrashed out at a plenary session of the entire kibbutz membership. No date has yet been set for that meeting, the kibbutz secretary told us. The whole country continues to wait and watch, wondering what the final arrangement will be. An important principle of the kibbutz system is at stake.

Some have recalled that there was a similar instance in 1969 when a member of Kibbutz Hazorea (of Hashomer Hatzair) won 100,000 lirot on a ticket he had bought in Mifal Hapayis, the National Lottery. The kibbutz left it to him to make the decision. However, he began to receive so many requests for financial help that he turned the problem back to the kibbutz and asked it to decide.

The membership meeting decided to accept the entire amount. A portion of the winning was contributed to the construction of a Soldiers' Centre in Tel Aviv, and the remainder was used for kibbutz purposes.

There was one more chapter in that story. The winner received a great deal of mail, including a letter from a girl in another kibbutz who praised his dedication to kibbutz idealism. A correspondence ensued and she is today his wife. So he won his prize after all!

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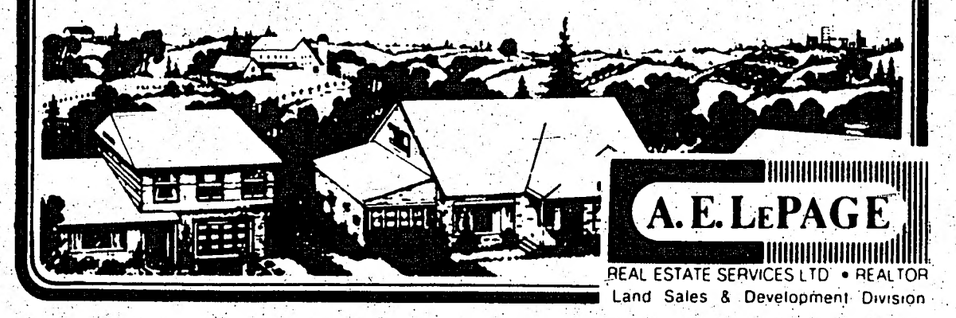
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Divorcees face fear and insecurity

Broken families lacking support: psychologist

By DANNY KUCHARSKY

MONTREAL —

Despite the fact that the divorce rate has recently taken on almost epidemic proportions, there are not enough support systems in place in our society to help broken families.

And at a time when friends and family are needed more than ever, they are not properly equipped to provide emotional support, says Dr. Lillian Spector Dunsky, a psychologist in the Institute of Community and Family Psychiatry at the Jewish General Hospital.

"Divorce can be seen as an amputation," says Spector Dunsky, who spoke recently on the topic Divorce and the Blended Family at Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom. "One cannot avoid the pain.

"Divorce knows no social or economic barriers — it hits the rich and poor, the young and not-so-young, and all educational levels; 40% of marriages now end in divorce. In the past few years a new phenomenon has been occurring: divorce among older couples who have been married for several decades."

In most cases, she says divorce is not an easy step, but is the culmination of a long process of deterioration. Long moments of hesitation and ambivalence mark the period before the decision to obtain a divorce is made.

The psychologist says adults arrive at this point emotionally drained, often so drained that they might not have much left to give to their children, and are more vulnerable to outside pressures.

"As well, new divorcees face a loss of equilibrium and lifestyle, a fear of being alone, feelings of instability and insecurity and a legal system which is based on an adversarial approach.

"It is important for people to go through these feelings before a satisfying new lifestyle can be found which is beneficial to all."

It is well known that most women gain custody of their children. However, this was not always so, says Spector Dunsky. "Only since the beginning of this century have mothers, and not fathers, retained child custody.

"Custody of the children provides mothers with tremendous social support but can also bring along a new set of problems. Mothers usually face a lowering of their economic standards, a change of neighborhood, and a need to make new contacts. Many must return to the work force ill-prepared. Others must go on welfare."

Meanwhile, their responsibility to their children leaves them with no time to be alone. "As a result, many women feel totally submerged at the beginning."

On a concrete level, Spector Dunsky says, it is difficult for 1-parent families to cope because of a lack of day care centres, after-school activities, programs during weekends and holidays, and adequate counseling services.

"After a divorce, women need to rebuild their self-image, and, on average, it takes them two to three years to recuperate and function properly afterwards. Many women ask themselves: Am I still an attractive person? Can I still function as a woman? Will I be able to reconnect with someone of the opposite sex?

"Men have a harder time coping with loneliness after a divorce. Many speak of the difficulty of coming home from work and having to face four blank walls. To escape this, many resort to spending their evenings in bars or anywhere but home.

"Often they launch themselves into a series of activities and quickly look for other women. As well, men seem to be more vulnerable to stress than women," she said.

Unfortunately, many fathers withdraw from their children because they don't know how to maintain a parental relationship with them. However, this is now changing and more and more divorced men are successful as fathers. "This can be done if there is a will," she believes.

Spector Dunsky listed the conditions that adults must meet before they can successfully rebuild their lives after a divorce:

Responsibility for the divorce must be accepted and shared; the past should not be dwelt upon; the question "who are you and what do you want to be" must be answered; and new contacts with friends and the community at large should be made.

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Book takes a critical look at the resurgence of Islam

By
ARNOLD AGES

A new book by a Paris-based journalist named Jean-Pierre Peroncel-Hugoz is creating what the French call a "succes de scandale."

Called Le Radeau de Mahomet, — Mahommed's Raft, Hugoz' essay, the result of 15 years of Islam-watching in Egypt and North Africa, presents a hard, critical look at the modern resurgence of Islam.

Hugoz, a journalist for Paris' Le Monde, the French equivalent of the New York Times (in prestige if not circulation), deals primarily, although not exclusively, in his book with the inability of Muslims to successfully fuse Islamic ideals and political philosophy within a state.

According to Georges Dussault, writing in the French periodical, Jonathan (March, 1984), Hugoz book has been an instant best seller since its appearance last spring and is being translated into several languages. It has had a particularly good reception in Lebanon.

One of the reasons for the popularity of the book is that it appears to refute the idealized perceptions of Islam that have been conveyed to the West by such experts as Maxime Rodinson, Olivier Carre and Roger Garaudy.

The latter coterie of Islamicists have painted a picture of Islam as a progressive, tolerant, egalitarian religious civilization. Rodinson is especially venerated in France and in the Arab world for his endorsement of Islam and his bitter hostility towards Israel. Much is made in propagandistic circles of the fact that Rodinson is also of Jewish origin.

Mohammed's Raft takes a much dimmer view of the benefits of Islam's attempt to synthesize religious teaching and political statecraft. Says Hugoz in the opening page of his book: "Fusing Islam with the state has nothing beneficial about it. The way it's going it risks becoming for Islam what Stalinism was for socialism and what Nazism was for nationalism."

The Hugoz thesis is simply that a modern state cannot be regulated according to the laws of the Koran or the Sha'ariyah, the Muslim legal codes. Applying these, blocks the modern development of the state and makes for inequities within the body politic.

There is much in Hugoz' approach to modern Islam which recalls the acerbic views of the Trinidadian journalist V. S. Naipul. Both interviewed large numbers of the faithful outside of Arab Islam and reproduce copious examples of the frustrations and disabilities which the latter are experiencing in Muslim states where Koranic law is seen as the panacea to all ills.

Like Naipul, Hugoz recognizes the grandeur of Islam but identifies its sublimest moments as a past event belonging to the medieval period. The great period of Arab-Islamic culture and civilization, is, according to Hugoz, dead.

What it has left in its wake is aspiration and the desire to reassert past glories. The attempt to marry Islamic doctrine to modern political forms of statehood — an attempt made by such disparate countries as Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Malaysia — is representative of the hopes enshrined in religious beliefs.

The gap between the aspiration and the actualization however, is growing and with it increased tensions. Gamal Abdel Nasser once confessed that he never understood how it was possible to govern a country exclusively with Koranic law. The late President Sadat had similar apprehensions about the feasibility of such an arrangement and he always maintained a discreet distance from the more fanatical believers — a distance which cost him his life.

In his, Hugoz' perspective, it is Islam's presumption to dominion over others which causes enormous problems in states where Islamic law governs. Historically Islam has had problems with non-Muslim minorities because of the belief that the Muslim faith is superior to all others.

During its golden age, Islam's views in this regard did not prevent minorities such as Jews and Christians from flourishing within an Islamic context. The experience of Jews in Spain bears this out. Still, even at its apogee, Islamic civilization made distinctions between believers and non-beleivers and the latter, depending on the geography and the period, could experience severe disabilities.

Hugoz identifies this intolerant attitude towards non-Muslims as a major fault in the architecture of the modern Islamic state. He singles out for special consideration the situation of the Copts in Egypt, an ancient Christian group which has been domiciled in that country longer than the Arab invaders who conquered it.

Ironically enough, Hugoz identifies President Sadat as the instrument of a great deal of anti-Coptic persecution in Egypt. The treatment of Coptic Christians has even become the object of scrutiny on the part of Amnesty International, since some of the people imprisoned by the late president are still under surveillance.

Hugoz has much to say in his book about the current of anti-feminist sentiment which he claims is part of Islam and which is translated into such bizarre practice as female circumcision. For Hugoz the literalism found in the application of Islamic law is to be combated — not Islam itself.

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Great Britain's lease coming to end

Hong Kong's Jews aren't concerned about 1997

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

HONG KONG —

Hardly a day passes that Hong Kong's newspapers do not refer to the "magic number" of 1997. That is the year Great Britain's lease on its fabulous crown colony that is part island (Hong Kong) and part of mainland China (Kowloon) expires.

The Peoples Republic of China, political heir to the Chinese who leased small bits of land to the British a century-and-a-half ago for trading purposes, wants the city to revert to China without guarantees for property owners or specific political assurances. The British seek guarantees to protect the political and property rights of the more than 5 million inhabitants, virtually all Chinese, who now live in the colony, and the economic interests developed and owned mainly by non-Chinese over the years.

During this reporter's recent visit to Hong Kong as a member of a National Press Club group, the hum of optimism of continuing high prosperity and amazing economic growth noted four years earlier was largely missing. Some construction was in progress, even on the island's steep hillsides, but the fall of the Hong Kong dollar that neared panic proportions last autumn before stabilization was put into effect indicated fears of certain Chinese takeover in the commercial and industrial communities in 1997 without pre-conditions or suitable compensation if any.

The fall of the dollar was attributed to stiffness in Peking's position in negotiations with the British.

But if a majority apparently feel Hong Kong's future for private enterprise is dim, this was not the feeling within the city's Jewish population. Interviews with some of the 600 Jews who belong to the city's 82-year-old Sephardic-style synagogue and the community centre that adjoins it indicated an optimistic view that was based on the theory that the future is uncertain but life goes on.

When a number of them was asked how they considered their future on Hong Kong, responses were in the vein "nobody talks about 1997;" "it's a wheel that turns and it can't be stopped; who knows where it will be in 14 years;" and "1997 is 14 years away — that's a lifetime for people; so why worry now."

In general, an impression derived from a visit to the community centre was that the Jews of Hong Kong are calm, not stampeded, and are looking for a Sino-British compromise on major issues since China needs the industry and acumen of Hong Kong and as a show window to the West.

A strong indicator of their optimism is that the tiny Jewish community is preparing to construct a new social and recreation centre with modern facilities including a swimming pool, which it now lacks. Given the scarcity of land on the island, where nearly all Jews live, the problem is a suitable site. One plan is to demolish the present structure and replace it with a high-rise building whose first three floors would be for communal use and the upper floors devoted to private apartments.

Ezra Sassoon, 48, the club's Syrian-born director who came to Hong Kong two years ago from Italy, said that Hong Kong has about 250 Jewish families, or about 1,000 persons, of whom slightly more than half are affiliated with Jewish institutions. "At least a couple of hundred do not identify as Jews," he said.

Rabbi David Hirshberg, who came from Israel five years ago, said the community respects Orthodoxy. "We pray in the Orthodox way," he said. On Sabbath mornings, some 50 or 60 attend services, more than double the attendance Friday nights. Kosher food is imported from Australia and served at the centre.

Rabbi Hirshberg, who is also the cantor, teaches in the Talmud Torah — actually a Sunday school where some 40 children study the Bible and learn Hebrew. When a boy becomes 12 he studies with the rabbi for his bar mitzvah. The rabbi, his wife and his parents are all Sabras (native Israelis).

As in Japan, where intermarriages have brought Japanese into the Jewish faith, Hong Kong has nine couples in which seven of the wives are Chinese and two are Japanese. All the women have converted to Judaism, adhere firmly to it, and have their children attend the Talmud Torah.

While most Jews are engaged in commerce, industry or construction, two of the Jewish women are medical doctors and a dozen Jews are lawyers. Some Hong Kong Jews, while affluent, consider themselves "very middle people" as one put it.

There is no anti-semitism, several emphasized.

The centre and the synagogue are under the leadership of three trustees. One is Lord Lawrence Kadoorie, of the famed Kadoorie family that came from Baghdad and made their fortunes in Shanghai and Hong Kong. They are held in high esteem for their devotion to Judaism, their extensive charitable activities, and economic support for millions of non-Jews in the Crown Colony through development programs.

The two other trustees are Victor Zirinsky, a manufacturer who is Russian origin and came to Hong Kong from Shanghai, and his nephew, Michael Green, an engineer and builder.

Most of Hong Kong's Jews came from England and America. In the late 1970s, the community included some 60 Israeli families but when their businesses — many of them were in the diamond trade — deteriorated badly, most returned to Israel. At present, perhaps 10 Israeli families remain.

Hong Kong's Jewish population has been basically stable over the years. Those departing the city have been replaced by newcomers from Australia, America and Britain.

While Israel is not recognized by China, freighters of Israel's Zim Lines have been arriving regularly in Hong Kong during the past five years. They formerly anchored in Japanese ports. Some consider this a positive sign of warming of Sino-Israeli relations but as yet there is no diplomatic activity and no indicator China is ready to recognize Israel as a state.

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Speech therapist eases problems for young and old in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM —

Until now, anyone in the Jerusalem area who needed the services of a speech therapist had to wait upwards of two years for relief. Now that Karen Golding Kushner is working at Shaare Zedek Medical Center, 20 patients have received immediate attention and a line-up is waiting to take over when they conclude their treatment.

Kushner's patients range in age from 19 months to 85 years. They include infants born with cleft palates, stroke victims and people with stuttering, articulation and voice problems.

An American who came to Israel on aliyah last year, she specializes in treating children with cleft palates. In Jerusalem, her patients with this disability are referred to her by the Shaare Zedek Department of Plastic Surgery.

Kushner explains that it is important to work with cleft palate victims in their first years of life. "There are a lot of misconceptions about children with cleft palates," she says. "I look at their oral functioning, and how they begin to make sounds. I try to help avoid some of their problems before they start."

Speech therapy is a new field in Israel and the speech services which are so common in North American schools and hospitals are not yet prevalent here.

Karen Golding Kushner works with a young patient in her speech therapy clinic.

"There's a vast population here in need of therapy which isn't aware that help possibilities exist," Karen found. "Every day I see how great the need is. Several of my patients are members of the same family; speech problems often tend to run in families."

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a masters degree in speech pathology, Kushner was on staff at the Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. She frequently lectured to other professionals on her work with young children.

When Kushner started her service at Shaare Zedek six months ago, it was on an experimental basis three days a week. She now works every day and the experiment has become a fixed feature.

For information on Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Center, call [416] 781-3584 in Toronto, [514] 486-7301 in Montreal or [204] 284-6620 in Winnipeg.

Unique school opens for disadvantaged youth

JERUSALEM —

Ground was recently broken in Galilee for one of the most unique schools in the world: The Allon Educational Center will be named for the late Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon. It will have as its student body disadvantaged youths who are dropouts, illiterates, and social misfits.

Many have come to Israel from the less developed countries and have not been able to adapt to life in the fast paced modern society that is Israel today. According to leading experts they are destined for lives on the welfare roles or even prison if nothing is done for them. It is estimated that 15,000 young men of military age fall into this category.

The Israel Defence Forces, after several attempts to integrate them into the service failed, finally discovered a formula that has had remarkable success. It turned for help to the civilian volunteer service organization often described as the "super USO" of Israel, The Association for the Welfare of Soldiers [AWSI].

Two soldiers' rest camps run under its auspices were turned into schools. Here, several hundred young men were made to feel wanted and appreciated, often for the first time in their lives.

They were taught by especially qualified volunteer teachers such things as personal hygiene, reading and writing and Jewish and Zionist history. In this atmosphere, different from any they had known, they began to learn and feel for the first time a sense of belonging.

Many expressed the desire to go further in their education after finishing the six month program. A careful follow up and evaluation showed that many of these same young men once considered superfluous and problems were now holding responsible positions and some even had become leaders of army units.

As a result of this success AWSI, which in Israel provides for the recreational and educational needs of the IDF, was asked by the Chief of Staff, Rafael Eitan, to expand its program and to build and maintain a facility to accommodate 5,000 students and staff at a time. The 250-acre site chosen for the Allon Education Center is near Nazarth and will have dormitories, classrooms, a library, synagogue and athletic facilities. Ultimately, it will have five major buildings.

The fund raising effort to pay for the project is being conducted by The Friends of the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel (AWSI) both in Israel and around the world. One fourth of the cost of the first building estimated to be $9 million has already been raised.

The American Friends of AWSI office is located at 15 East 26th Street, New York, NY 10010 and an active program of solicitation is underway under the guidance of Brig. General Haim Granit, the North American representative of the organization. Gen. Granit is a distinguished war hero and is the former Provost Marshall of the Israel Defence Forces.

Minister of Defence, Moshe Arens, recently wrote, "The Association has undertaken major educational programs so that our soldiers will not only be effective soldiers but educated citizens as well."

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Shrimp research at Hebrew U may benefit protein-short world

JERUSALEM —

Applied research into shrimp farming at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Alexander Silberman Life Sciences Institute is beginning to pay big dividends for kibbutzim and has great potential benefits for a protein-short world.

Hebrew University biologist Dr. Dan Cohen says the time is ripe for a "wet revolution" in food production to rival the "green revolution" which has nearly assured a sufficient world supply of carbohydrates.

Aquaculture, the raising of food in water in a domesticated fashion, is the wave of the future, he says, because natural productivity in water is about 20-fold higher than the productivity of terrestial agriculture.

Increase exports

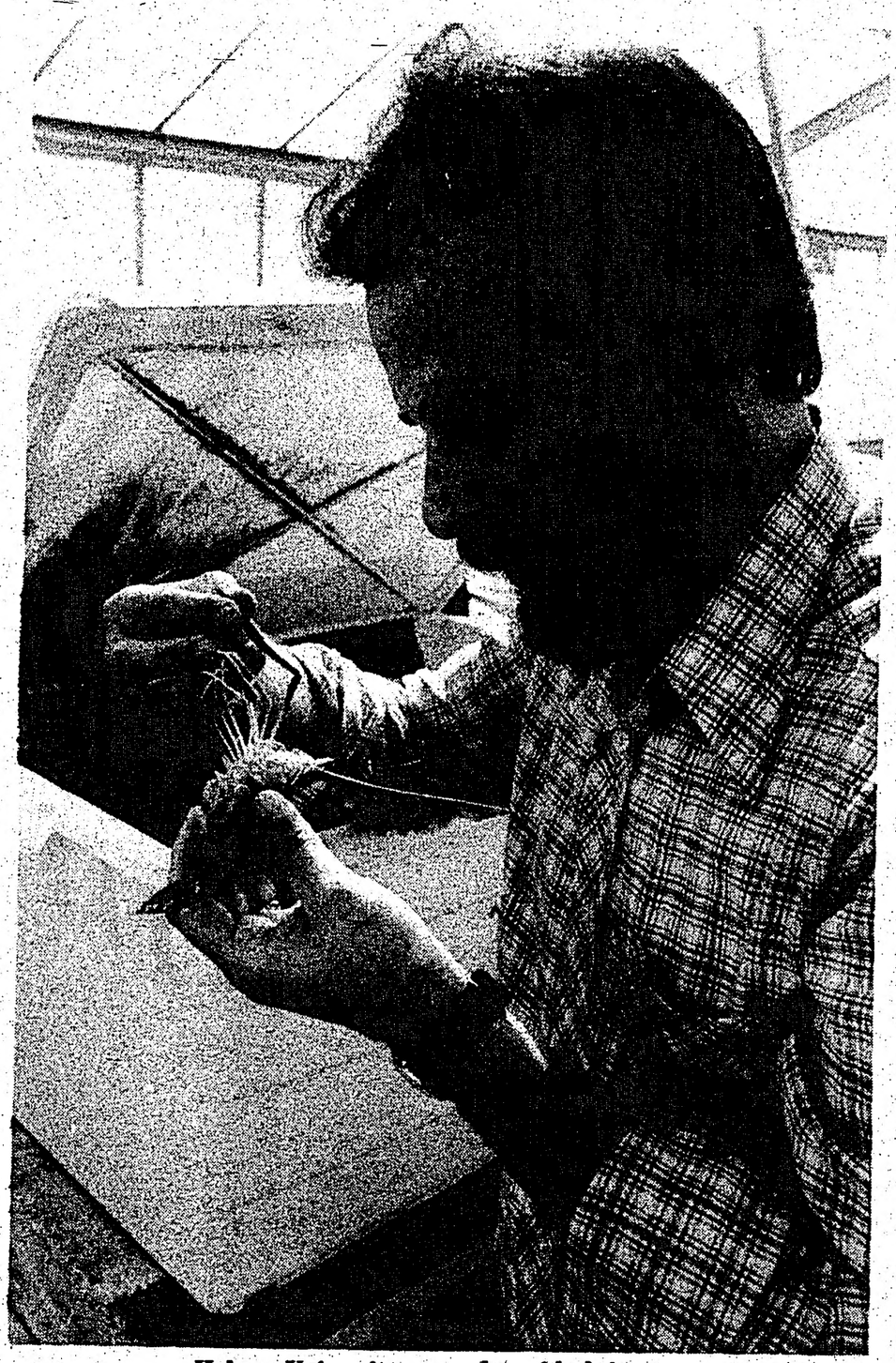
Israel's total export of shrimp today (none is sold domestically) is about 20 tons a year, but it is estimated that production could reach 2,000 tons annually. A yeild of 120 kilos of shrimp per acre of fish pond can bring Israeli growers as much income as two tons of fish sold on the domestic market. As a result, some kibbutzim tripled their production of shrimp last year, Cohen says.

Many kibbutzim have raised fish in artificial ponds for years, but the kibbutz fishing industry reached the saturation point in domestic sales. The types of fish raised in Israel do not have a market abroad, but are, however, thoroughly compatible with the shrimp, which occupy the bottom of fish ponds and feed off natural organisms and the residual fish feed that falls to the bottom. There is almost 100% profit for those adding shrimp to existing ponds.

Cohen's research was originally supported by the Hebrew University, the Yissum Research Development Company and Israel's ministry of trade and industry.

Some American investors joined in and a company called Aquaculture Production Technology (Israel) Ltd. was formed for research and development and to market the developing equipment and technology.

The U.S., Jamaica and the Philippines are already benefiting from the project and negotiations are under way with countries in Latin America and Africa.



Hebrew University researcher with shrimps.

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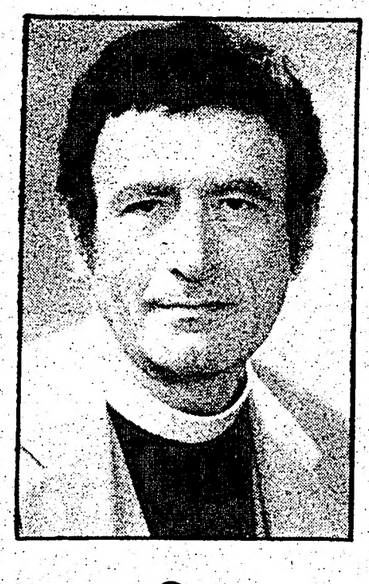

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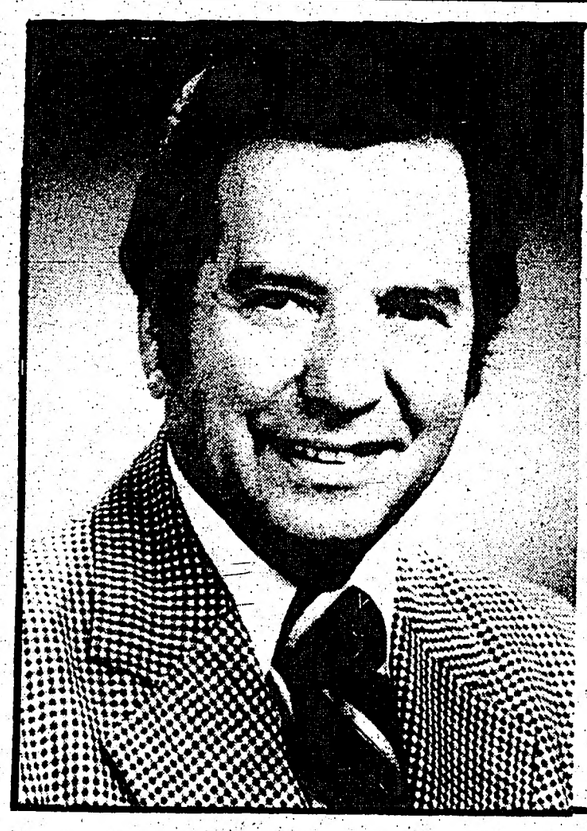

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Architect ignored after Habitat project

Designing national art gallery poses problems

By
GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA —
"The question of geography is resolvable. The question of identity is much more complex."

These are the words of Moshe Safdie, the Israeli-born architect chosen in association with the John C. Parkin firm — to design Canada's new $86-million national art gallery, scheduled for completion in 1986.

Safdie carries both Canadian and Israeli citizenship and does not think of himself as either a Canadian or Israeli architect.

Although based in Canada, the soft-spoken 45-year-old has had no work here over the past 10 years but has undertaken a number of major projects in Israel including the restoration of the Jewish Quarter, the restoration of the Western Wall precincts and the redesign of the Mamillah sector adjacent to the Old City, all in Jerusalem.

Safdie recently began construction on the Hebrew Union College, a $35 million complex near the King David Hotel which includes a library, academic buildings, an archeological institute, youth hostel and will eventually include a synagogue.

Safdie admits that he changed as an architect, while building in Jerusalem, because "I became very conscious of heritage and the whole problem of tradition, past and present and the need to bridge between them. I'm absolutely sure that the experience had a lot to do with what I incorporated into my design in Quebec City (construction on the National Museum of Civilization in Quebec's Lower City will begin this summer).

"I believe my opinions and the principles I try to live by today are very conditioned by the values I acquired in Israel," Safdie says.

Today, Safdie projects take him to such far-flung contrasting cultures as Australia, Senegal, Puerto Rico, Singapore, the U.S. and Frobisher Bay in the Northwest Territories. Since he continues to insist on personally supervising each project, Safdie is rarely in any one city for any length of time.

He says "circumstance" led him to look for work further afield than Canada.

Following the initial flurry of interest in the then-29 year old designer of the controversial Habitat project at Montreal's Expo 67, Safdie designs were virtually ignored by the Canadian design community.

Much more mobility

The Americans were quick to welcome the distinctive Safdie style and he soon was spending more time south of the border than in Canada. "I had work there right after Habitat . . . right through all the years I did not have a single job in Canada," he says somewhat bitterly.

Safdie admits that the suitcase life has its drawbacks. "I find that the pressures are very great on me personally. Until I began teaching on a regular basis I had much more mobility. In Israel people are annoyed because I'm not there full time. In Canada they say 'why is he in Boston instead of being here?' But for me, at least, that's the only way to be an architect."

Safdie points to a number of differences between working in Canada and in Israel. He talks of the "tremendous complexity of Israeli society" that creates conflicts "which have nothing to do with architectural concepts. Those conflicts mirror the nature of the society itself," he explains, "with secular, religious and political differences constantly creating delays.

The Ottawa experience, by contrast, has been "most enriching" thus far. "There is a little bit of the feeling of Expo here. A very dedicated group of people all working together who really feel there's a cause uniting them," Safdie says.

But he adds that designing for the Canadian capital has had its own problems.

"For me, it was a fascinating problem. I felt very conscious of Ottawa being the coldest capital in the world — colder than Moscow even — and the need to do a building that opens to the land in summer and then draws in and let's all the activities go on internally.

"A building that was open, with terraces and gardens would only have worked in summer. It would have become insignificant in winter. It would have shortchanged the city," he emphasizes.

Safdie says the other aspect of Ottawa's reputation — that of a cold bureaucratic town has "come up many times now in the discussions of what the building should be."

Safdie designed two alternatives, one which was "very exuberant, open, inviting," the other being more "citadel-like, mysterious, restrained."

He says he was unable to choose between the two designs. The gallery staff was split and so was the museum corporation. He decided to take the schemes to the cabinet committee and let them choose.

"They decided for the open scheme and the main reason was that Ottawa does have moments where it's a dull city," Safdie says. "They said, 'Let's have a building that will resonate in the city. People in Ottawa feel like having a good time. Let's give them a building that'll do that,' " he recalls.

"This building has a great deal of glass in it. It was my attempt to create another kind of openness which would make this building really transparent," Safdie says of the gallery which will face the cliffs of Parliament Hill.

"In the winter, it gets dark here by 3 o'clock. It is then experienced as an illuminated object. From Parliament Hill, from Sussex Drive you'll be able to look right into the colonnade, the great hall, the restaurants and see anything that's going on in there.

"You'll see through the openings into the galleries themselves and the courtyards beyond. What appears to be reasonably compact and restrained in the daytime will become transparent and open at night."

Design architects John C. Parkin, left, and Moshe Safdie, centre, discuss details of new art gallery with project architect Philip Mathews. [Photo courtesy of Canadian Museums Construction Corp.]

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Jews played important role in making Venice great city

By KATIE HYMAN

VENICE —

As they wander about the churches and palaces of this water-washed city, few people are aware of the part the Jews played in the history of Venice.

Though there are traces of the original ghetto in the city's northeast corner, a much more poignant testament to those merchants who made Venice great is the Jewish cemetery on the Lido. Predating the ghetto by almost 200 years, the cemetery is probably the oldest vestige of the Jewish community in Venice.

In 1386 the government gave the Jews a tract of land on which to bury their dead. A year before, the Act of 1385 had allowed certain Jewish families to open money-lending businesses. The granting of a place to bury their dead, albeit on a distant and virtually uninhabited island, can be seen as the first official recognition of the Jews and their importance to the city.

Today the Lido is a bustling, cosmopolitan resort across the lagoon from Venice; in the 12th century however, it contained only vineyards, gardens, several convents and the Benedictine Monastery of San Nicolo di Mira, which still stands. The cemetery was located in a vineyard near the monastery — a stretch of waterfront facing Venice. This apparently useless tract was to prove extremely important during Venice's later wars, but at the time it was described as bare and empty.

From its inception, the cemetery mirrored the changing fortunes of the Jewish community.

In 1389 it had to be fenced in to prevent vandalization by anti-semites. A stone marked: "Jews 1631" indicates a hurried mass burial after the plague of 1630. During the 17th century, the period of greatest prosperity for the Jews, the cemetery was enlarged several times to accommodate the increased citizenry.

From 1671-75 the cemetery was closed as the island became a fortified outpost in Venice's war against the Turks.

During the French occupation of the 18th century the outside wall was removed because it interfered with the island's fortification; and by the end of the century the cemetery was taken over for security reasons, and a new cemetery was created near by in a less strategic spot.

Nonethless, the ancient waterfront cemetery held a powerful attraction throughout the 19th century. Ravaged by winds, waves and creeping weeds it quickly fell into decay, becoming a favorite spot for the romantics of the day. Goethe wrote about its graves, Byron and Shelley rode among its crumbling tombs, George Sand fought with Alfred de Musset in its desolate confines, Theophile Gautier found it empty, save for a few children playing amid the ruins.

Cemetery closed

Today the ancient cemetery is closed for conservation, but its nearby successor on the Via Cipro is as wild and romantic as any spot in Venice. Enclosed by a tall brick wall, surrounded in turn by pungent cypress trees, the "Cimitero Israelico" is cool and quiet through the hottest part of any afternoon. Old tombstones are piled about the entrance, stacked against the keeper's hut.

Walking along the sandy, cypress shaded paths one finds bits of ornamental fence sunk into the ground, enclosing tombs so old their inscriptions are lost, so old the tombs themselves are half buried in the grass, smothered by clover and buttercups, honeysuckle, poppies, birdsong, and the distant echo of a barking dog.

Some of the tombs are cone shaped or cylindrical; some are inscribed in foreign script. Some are carved with lions and towers, suns, crowns, harps, phoenixes and family crests.

Some are stacked waist-high in corners, covered with bits of stone, bronze and pottery. Some are in huge family vaults, guarded over by brooding lions or doubleheaded eagles.

Within this lush silence wild cats seem to flourish, cats of every shape and color slinking through the undergrowth — final protectors of all that remains of the Jews who flocked to Venice from all corners of the globe.

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The Jewish cemetery on the Lido is open October-April: 9-12, 2-4; May - September: 9-12, 4-7.

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Members of the Makuya, a sect of ardently pro-Israel Japanese Christians, seen at a recent solidarity march in Jerusalem. [IPPA photo]

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Jewish Cultural Arts Exhibition features antique ritual objects

By
NETTA ZUKERMAN

VANCOUVER — Of interest to the Jewish community has been the first annual Jewish Cultural Arts exhibition, held in Vancouver.

Among the variety of art media portraying various aspects of Jewish life and culture, was a fascinating collection of antique ritual objects and artifacts.

This collection was painstakingly assembled by Paul Azaroff. It is a poignant and informative social comment on Jews who lived during different eras under diverse conditions all around the world.

In one of the display cases was a small square of parchment, with a hole in its centre, bearing a prayer written in Hebrew. Presumably a candle had occupied the hole.

During the reign of the Russian czar, kidnapping of Jewish children was popular. They were often seized at the tender age of 8 or 9 years and later confined to the army where they were required to serve 40 years. This small square of paper must have been a request from an illiterate mother, who had probably approached a rabbi for a prayer, to request God that her child be spared this fate.

Artisans commonly used either copper, brass or silvered copper. Guilds in Europe forbade Jews to work in silver — although, apparently, non-Jews appear to have been commissioned to hallmark silver objects. This practice probably accounts for many inaccuracies found in markings.

In the Arabic countries, however, where Arabs believed that if one worked with fire, this involved working with the devil, Jews were permitted to fashion silver.

Therefore, the origin of countries is usually identifiable by the theme or symbol displayed on the work of art.

For example, Iraqi Jews always put birds on their art. The bird signifies the soul. The Golden Peacock symbolized the soul of a poet!

Persian Jews often used the theme of Joseph (usually Jacob's blessing to Joseph).

The substantial variety of styles of the Torah pointers reflect the differences in the lifestyles of Jews, themselves. The Yemenite ones were very slim and delicate. Russian and English pointers were heavily embossed and ornate, signifying more affluence.

In a small display case, set off and completely alone, was a magnificent kiddush cup. It is a piece of Austro-Hungarian art. A design of fish (for fertility and plenty) forms the words in Hebrew surrounding the cup. An exquisitely worked medieval miniature man serves as the stem, which he holds with his right hand.

The beautiful silver boxes which were fashioned to hold the Succoth esrog sometimes display a goat. In Jewish folklore, the goat is often used to symbolize the Jewish people. It stresses the determination to survive, to live on almost nothing and to make do with whatever is available.

The humorous and ornamented graggers on display were developed by the Ashkenazi Jews. Sephardim had previously written the name of Haman on the soles of their shoes and stamped him out in the synagogue.

In the North African countries, Jewish design was intertwined with the Moorish influence. The keyhole motif on an artifact informs the viewer that this object had been fashioned by a Moroccan artist.

Both Arabs and Jews use the hamsa, a hand. Arabs believe it to be the hand of Fatima. Jews base their interpretation on the Passover text which contains the phrase, "I took you out of Egypt with an outstretched hand."

Contrary to popular belief, the Star of David only emerged in the 17th century. The mystic Kabbalists adopted it as a symbol. It was not thought of as a literal shield, but rather that it shielded through its power.

Among the tzedakah boxes was one, in particular, which arrested attention. It is fashioned in brass in the shape of Rachel's Tomb.

Much in evidence in the engravings were the Jewish lion (Judah), which tends to be benign, and palm trees which are the symbol of the righteous Jew. The grape clusters, too, abound on artifacts, signifying wine (the grape) and the sanctification (kiddush) to God.

Of great fascination is the crown, usually found on Russian works. It possessed a dual meaning. It indicated learning, but also subservience to the country of origin.

There was great variety in the delicately worked, multi-tiered spice boxes, which contained either rosewater or a dried potpourri of flowers. They were used at the ending of the last prayer for the Sabbath, to retain the sweet perfume of the Sabbath, for as long as possible.

Throughout the centuries, however terrible living conditions were for Jews, the coming and celebrating of the Sabbath was the shining star of the week. The day of rest was eagerly and lovingly awaited and greeted.

A reminder of this fact was the proudly presented Shabbes table with its ancient judenstern (the Sabbath lights). It was wooden, mounted on a stick on the roof of the room and lowered on Shabbat to give light everywhere. It usually had an oil drip tray directly underneath to catch the drippings of the oil or candles. In a print of an old German woodcut on the side wall next to the table, the judenstern is clearly depicted. Electricity, of course, made this object obsolete.

The table also contained two covered challahs. The two breads represented the double portion of manna given in the wilderness, so that there would be sufficient food for two days, which included the Sabbath.

Space does not permit mention of all the wealth of information and interest provided by this rich collection. There is, however, one artifact which cannot be overlooked. It is a Marrano Cup. The Marranos were the sect of Spanish Jews, who in the time of the Inquisition became Catholic but tenaciously practiced their religion in secret.

The Marrano Cup was fashioned in the shape of a small vase which could contain a flower. When the perforated lid was renewed, a small scroll was revealed. Many of the prayers contained in Marrano objects emphasized strange parts of the Bible. In the particular vase on display, the message, which was written in Hebrew, was a prayer for protection against contracting leprosy.

The generosity of Paul Azaroff, Julius Balshine, Irving Epstein and the Beth Israel Synagogue was much appreciated for sharing the richness of their respective collections.

Because Jews have always been able to retrieve something of their precious heritage from the past, perhaps the possibility of organizing such an exhibition in your community might be a reality also. Certainly the collection in Vancouver proved to be most informative and delighted both Jews and non-Jews alike.

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Camels may be answer to starving Africans

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Camel milk and meat may be an answer to Africa's chronic problems of starvation and malnutrition, according to an Israeli scientist.

Reuven Yagil, a professor of human physiology at Ben-Gurion University's Medical Centre at Beersheba, has prepared a report for the food and agriculture organization of the United Nations which shows that camels can survive and produce milk even under the worst drought conditions.

The camel has physiologically adapted to little food and water and extremes of temperatures after centuries of living in the desert.

A native of South Africa, Yagil has been studying camels to find out what other benefit they can be to man than beasts of burden and sources of camel hair. He is in charge of a stable of 20 camels at BGU where he has taught since 1969.

Currently on sabbatical in New York, he was in Montreal recently to meet with members of the Canadian Associate of BGU. He will be returning here in May to participate in the Associates' International Conference on Freedom from Hunger, the Right to Food, at Concordia University.

About 75 million people have died of starvation in Africa as a result of a severe drought, now in its eighth year, which stretches over much of the continent, Yagil said. Cows, sheep and goats, the traditional food sources, have largely died off.

Camels, now associated with the arid regions of the Middle East, were once native to Africa. They can go for up to three weeks without water, he said, and survive on a minimal amount of poor quality vegetation.

Nevertheless, they can produce as much as 50 litres of milk a day which is very nutritious. Because of the lack of water the animal gets, the nutrients are highly concentrated. Two litres, for example, will supply an adult man with his daily protein requirement, but the milk has less than 1% fat.

It also contains many vitamins, including C, which is not found in cow's milk, and minerals. And what's more, it tastes good, according to Yagil, who describes it as very sweet.

Yagil believes it would be perfectly feasible to raise camels in captivity for food just like cattle are.

"Foreign aid is not the best answer to helping the hungry of Africa. One out of every 10 shiploads of food sent from the west does not reach the people who need it. Continually handing out food makes the population reliant. It does not encourage self-sufficiency," he said.

Camel meat can be compared to veal, said Yagil. Incidentally, it is not kosher, although the camel has all the right features: cloven hoof, four stomachs and chews its cud.

The chumash, however, specifically says not to eat camels. The Moslems also are not allowed to dine on camel, but do partake of it on certain holidays, he noted.

Besides its healthfulness, the milk has some other important properties when considering its use in Africa.

It is very slow to sour; it can be kept for three months under refrigeration.

Camel's milk does not have to be stirred during storage. It also contains no bacteria, so pasteurization is not necessary.

Of critical importance is its digestibility. Africans, and many peoples of non-European background, have an intolerance for the enzymes in cow's milk which can cause diarrhea. They have no such difficulty with camel milk.

Ben-Gurion University's Reuven Yagil with friend at camel stable in Beersheba.

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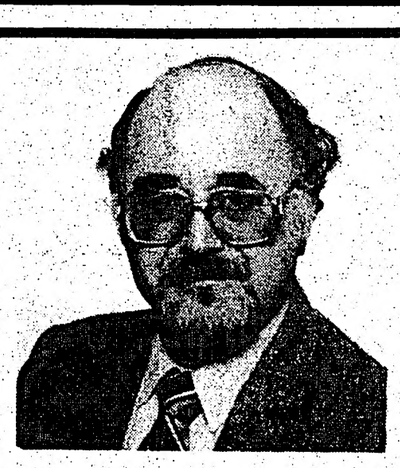

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U.S. post honors famous Jewish men with stamp issue

By JAMES MONTAGNES

The United States postal authorities in recent years have honored numerous persons, other than presidents, who have played significant roles in United States history, financial and cultural development. Included have been a number who were of the Jewish faith.

The United States, like some other countries, only portrays personalities after their death.

One of the earliest Jewish immigrants to aid the American War of Independence was Haym Salomon, who came to New York about 1775 from Lissa, Poland. He was a distiller, supplier of food to American revolutionary forces and raised money for the war against British colonialism. He later became an important merchant and broker, aided needy early U.S. congressmen including James Madison who later became a President, was a major contributor to the founding of Philadelphia's Congregation Mikveh Israel, and worked for political rights of Jews.

The United States issued a stamp to Haym Solomon in 1975. He died in 1785.

Adolph Simon Ochs is best known as the publisher of the New York Times, a daily newspaper he acquired in 1896 as a declining paper. He revitalized it to become one of the world's leading daily newspapers.

Ochs was born in Louisville, Ky., in 1858, where his father Julius was a German immigrant merchant and volunteer for many years. Adolph started his newspaper career as an office boy for the Knoxville (Tennessee) Chronicle when 11 years old. When he was 20 he bought the Chattanooga Times for $250, soon put it on its feet to become one of the leading newspapers in the U.S. south.

His two younger brothers joined him in the newspaper business. Adolph Ochs died in 1935 and the United States issued a stamp in his honor in 1976.

George Gershwin was remembered on a United States stamp in 1973, on the 75th anniversary of his birth in New York City. Gershwin was a pianist at a music publishing firm when at 20 years of age he wrote his first musical, Half Past Eight.

Paul Whiteman had him write a jazz symphony, Rhapsody In Blue, which was first performed in New York in 1924, with Gershwin at the piano.

Gompers fought for the workers

He continued writing music of which best known was Porgy and Bess, Lady Be Good, Strike Up The Band, and Of Thee I Sing. He died in 1937, just prior to his 40th birthday.

Labor leader Samuel Gompers, depicted on a 1950 U.S. stamp issued for the centenary of his birth, was a descendant of a well known Central European 14th century Gomperz family.

Samuel Gompers came from England to the lower east side of New York City as a young boy in 1863. Apprenticed as a cigar maker, he was active in that trade most of his life.

He helped unionize cigar makers in 1870, became an important voice in the American Federation of Labor and later was elected its president.

He opposed socialism, fought for the improvement of the working man — even to the point of opposing or limiting immigration in order to protect jobs of American workers. He died in 1924.

Joseph Pulitzer, who founded the school of journalism at Columbia University, and the Pulitzer prizes for journalists, came to the United States at 17 years of age to serve as a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil war of the 1860s.

He was born into a Jewish family in Mako, Hungary, in 1847.

When Pulitzer was discharged from the army he joined a German - language newspaper in St. Louis, Mo. He bought an interest in the paper, which he sold some years later, then bought the St. Louis Dispatch. That started him on his way, for he merged it with the St. Louis Post to make the Post-Dispatch, bought the New York World from financier Jay Gould, and made it into a mass appeal daily newspaper.

He was in politics for a short time in both Missouri and Washington.

Pulitzer died in 1911, and in 1947 the United States issued a stamp for the 100th anniversary of his birth, with Pulitzer's words "Our republic and its press will rise or fall together" on the stamp bearing his portrait.

World famous physicist Albert Einstein, who came to the United States in 1932, has been honored on two United States stamps in 1966, and in 1979 on the centenary of his birth. He was already famous for his Theory of Relativity when he came to America.

During World War II, when teaching at Princeton University, he worked with scientists on development of atomic weapons. Einstein died in 1955.

Jewish personalities honored on United States stamps. Top, from left, Albert Einstein, Samuel Gompers and Adolph Ochs. Bottom, from left, Joseph Pulitzer, George Gershwin and Haym Solomon.

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Invisible community beginning to materialize

JIAS helps establish Iranian Jewish Association

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Montreal's, until now, virtually invisible Iranian Jewish community is starting to come out of the shock of dislocation and is looking to set up some kind of structure of its own.

The Iranian Jewish Association of Montreal has been formally established with the guidance of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and the financial assistance of the Quebec ministry of cultural communities and immigration, which allowed the hiring of a temporary person to investigate the needs of the Iranian Jews.

The association has identified about 300 Iranian Jews although JIAS Montreal executive director Herb Abrams believes there may be another 100-200 in the city. Most arrived just before or during the Islamic revolution of 1979. They came reluctantly because if there is anything that distinguishes the Iranian Jew from other immigrants it is his strong attachment to the land of Iran.

Abrams said JIAS found that the Iranians were scattered around various parts of the Montreal area, including the South Shore and north end, and their community needs are not all being addressed.

The majority of Iranian Jewish immigrants to Canada are believed to have settled in Quebec because most can speak French. French is the main second language of Iran, and students often continued their education in France. However, not all are fluent and their native tongue Farsi (Persian) has isolated them from the rest of the Sephardi community.

They have been largely independent of any community organization or synagogue, until the association was founded last summer and affiliation was sought with the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec.

Iranian Jews still shy from publicity, are fearful for their relatives who remain in Iran. The former director of the JIAS Iranian project, who wishes to remain anonymous, said the Jewish population of Iran has dropped from 80,000 to about 30,000 today.

During the reign of the shah, the Jews — who trace their history in Iran to a couple of thousand years ago — enjoyed complete freedom in their community life. Many were wealthy, engaged in business or professions. The community was well organized and contact with Israel, through visits or trade, was open.

The majority of those who left the country went to Israel, or the United States. Emigration was legal even during the revolution but has since been curtailed, he said. Although the situation is not completely clear, he believes there are still a large number of Jews who want to leave the country.

However, the situation of the Jewish community in Iran does not appear to be threatening, he said. They are working or running their businesses and have a strong attachment to Iran which cannot be easily severed. "Ninety percent of those who did leave were very wealthy and had relatives abroad."

So far, this young man has been able to keep in touch with his parents who live in a small town in West Iran by mail and telephone.

Of the 300 Iranian Jews he has found in Montreal, most came just before the revolution. Some came as students and were stranded here when the upheavals in Iran began.

The community is quite young: 35% are children, 25% students, he estimates. The adults tend to be well educated, engaged in business or are doctors, engineers or professors.

Before that there was only a handful of Iranian families in Montreal who came 20 or 25 years ago, so the community is building itself up from little basis, he said.

Before the establishment of the Iranian Jewish Association, the community was already making some attempts to find one or another of its members. At the High Holidays, they would get together in a small rented synagogue on Darlington Ave. This past year, close to 60 persons met for the services at the headquarters of the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec.

The community is now hoping it can find a permanent spiritual base. The Iranian Jews are traditional, but not fervently religious, he said. In Iran, divorce and intermarriage were virtually unheard of among Jews. They would like to keep it that way here.

Although oriental, their religious rituals are not the same as other Sephardic Jews, especially not like that of the Moroccan community, he said, so it is hard for them to feel completely at home.

In the meantime, the association is using the offices of JIAS as a centre for its social activities.

At the YM-YWHA, a sports program has been set up by the association.

Writing in a recent issue of La Voix Sepharade, Iranian immigrant Fereydoun Chafai, a Doctor of Pharmacy, observed: "There are many (Iranian Jews) who have left the country to establish themselves elsewhere chiefly during the last 30 years. But those who have chosen the exodus have profoundly guarded the love of this land and still continue to live with their memories, because they have left behind their soul and their heart."

Some Iranian Jews have integrated more easily than others into their new society, he said. Those who were forced to uproot themselves from their home of many centuries are looking for an identity and meaning here. "There are many who have difficulties communicating with the non-Iranian world around them. There are families who feel isolated by the fact that they have not happened to make contact with other Iranian families."

Markville Mall hosts model hunt

TORONTO — The search is on for beautiful new faces and Markville Mall in Markham will play host for the model hunt for women in the York region.

Toronto model agent Bruce Parker and co-sponsor Flare, the Canadian fashion magazine, are holding a series of Model Hunts at shopping malls throughout southern Ontario.

Parker says that he and Flare will take contestants' photographs, free of charge and enter them in a contest that will result with one girl winning a week, all expenses paid, in New York, photo testing with the Elite Model Agency there.

Entrants to the Model Hunt at Markville Mall are eligible for a lucky draw to be held on April 28 at 4 p.m., says Parker, and the winner will receive a $1,200 modeling scholarship to the Toronto John Casablancas Centre. Casablancas is president of Elite.

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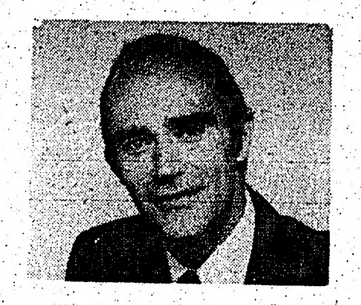

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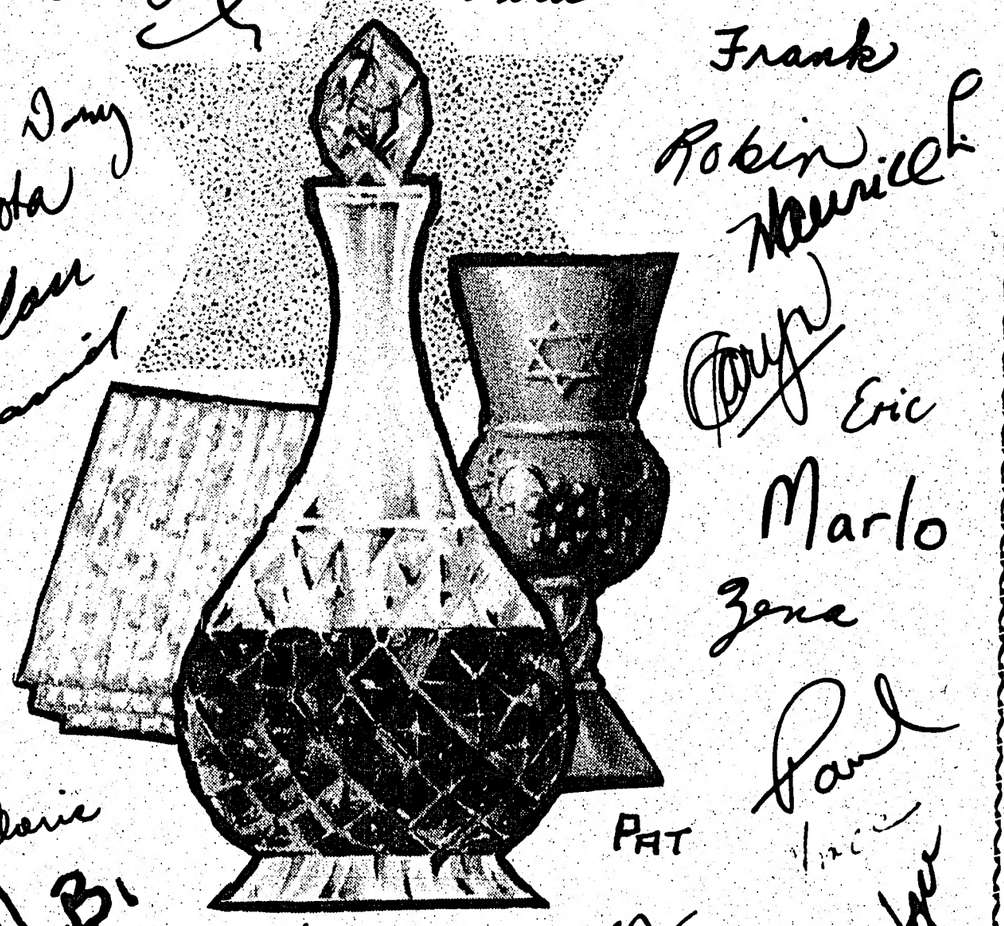

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No anti-semitism in Kenora

Four families keep small town community alive

By
FRANK RASKY

KENORA, Ont. — The tiny Jewish community in Kenora has managed to remain intact and keep its Yiddishkeit by such long-distance expedients as "Dial A Bar Mitzvah."

Kelvin Winkler, the Jewish mayor of this pulp-and-paper town of 10,000 people, acknowledges that the Jewish population here has dwindled considerably since it reached its peak in the 1950s.

In those days, there were 15 Jewish families — about 60 Jews altogether — who gathered for services in a cheerful, barnlike frame synagogue that everybody called simply in rhyme form "keinahorah the Kenora shul."

But the synagogue shut down in the 1960s when most of the grown-up children departed to seek either Jewish mates or a higher education, mainly in Winnipeg 150 miles west, and a minyan of 10 males was hard to come by.

Nowadays only four Jewish families are left in Kenora — 10 souls all told.

"We may be small in number now, but we're a tightly-knit Jewish community," says Winkler, a jovial, Kenora-born gift shop merchant of 55, who is serving his third year term as mayor.

His late father, Jack, an immigrant tailor from Australia, settled there in 1926, and Kelvin Winkler fondly refers to the surrounding Lake of the Woods jackpine region as "God's country."

Kenora Mayor Kelvin Winkler

The only fault that Winkler finds with the community is that he must import kosher beef, chickens, pastrami and other Jewish delicacies from Winnipeg. He and his wife, Lila, try to maintain a kosher home, keeping separate dairy, meat and Passover dishes, and are proud of the Jewish upbringing they gave to their three sons.

The Winnipeg Free Press coined the term "Dial A Bar Mitzvah" in a newspaper story when it learned that his son, Jay, now 26, studied his maftir and haftorah by chanting them over the phone in 30-minute long distance calls every day to the cantor at Winnipeg's Rosh Pina Synagogue.

Winkler maintains he has never detected any overt anti-semitism. And Zenneth [Zen] Katz is inclined to agree.

Katz, 56, owner of the 23-suite Kenwood Hotel, says his Judaism has never affected his business and he glories in his Jewish name. He once ran for town council using the jaunty slogan: "Don't let Kenora go to the dogs! Vote for Katz!"

The family name is a colorful institution around Kenora. His father, Abraham Isaac Katz, was a flamboyant, 6-foot-4, 260-pound Lithuanian fur trader, who arrived at the turn of the century, spoke Ojibway to the Indians when he bought their beaver pelts, played the flute, clarinet and violin when he was leader of the town band, and blew the shofar with a magnificent trumpet blast during Yom Kippur.

Katz says he doesn't mind the lack of Jewish food. But he and his wife, Sharon (Sukey) Katz, do miss the culture of the big city. "She likes ballet and I love opera," he says, "and those are two things you don't get in a bush town."

Irvin Plosker, 53, who runs the 34-room Kenora Travel Inn with his Winnipeg-born wife, Sandra, has a different viewpoint. They enjoy the sense of occasion when they make the 2½-hour drive to Winnipeg at least once a month to catch up on their theatre-going. And their occasional dining trips to Toronto are quite ample for them.

"When we were last down there, we fattened up on kishke at the Pickle Barrel Deli," says Irvin Plosker. "If we went down to the big, big city more often we'd balloon up with all that delicious shmaltz."

Sandra Plosker adds: "I like wearing my mink coat when we're there, but I switch to my slacks when we return home. People here would think I was putting on the dog if I were to wear mink around Kenora."

The Ploskers say it was important for them to give a sound Jewish education to their two children, Shayne, 25, now a medical student in London, Ont., and Rhea, 21, studying at University of Toronto.

Every Sunday, Sholom Schachter, the scholarly rabbi's son from Winnipeg, would arrive by bus and the Ploskers, the Katzes and another Kenora couple would each chip in $10 to have the visiting melamed teach Hebrew to their kids.

"The classes would be held at a different home each Sunday," he says. "And we'd have supper together and make it a real nice social occasion."

Sandra says their commercial rivalry as hoteliers has never interfered with their friendship with the Katzes.

"Don't forget," she adds, laughing, "when there are so few Jews living together in an isolated small town, you have to get along. It's like your relatives. You can't choose them."

Like the other Jewish families in town, the Ploskers contribute generously to the United Israel Appeal, the Jewish National Fund, and to canvassers who come around every year seeking donations for both Israel and various yeshivas.

And Irvin makes a point of wearing constantly in his lapel a sterling silver Chai emblem.

"When Kenorans ask me what it stands for, I like telling them it's the Jewish symbol for life," he says. "Living in a small town, I feel it's vital for me to establish who I am, where I come from, taking great pride in letting others know my roots are grounded in a great Jewish tradition."

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Reena programs cover wide range

Centre for handicapped adults nears opening

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

The Reena Cartwright Resource Centre will officially open its doors to the community next month.

It is a multi-dimensional day program for developmentally handicapped adults between the ages of 21-52, with one staff person serving every four clients.

The Cartwright Public School, which closed several years ago due to declining enrolment, houses the centre and has been leased from the North York Board of Education.

Program director is Theresa Bedoya and there are 24 paid resource people along with the many volunteers at the Dufferin-Wilson area site.

Presently, some 36 persons participate in the centre's day program, but according to Eleanor London, vice-president and chairman of the Reena Cartwright Advisory Committee, 70 clients can be accommodated.

Open six days a week, the centre provides physiotherapy, occupational therapy, behavioral management and speech therapy. But the three main areas of concentration are recreational, vocational and life skills.

Recreation consists of arts and crafts and sports. (The centre holds floor hockey games on Wednesday nights and basketball Sunday mornings).

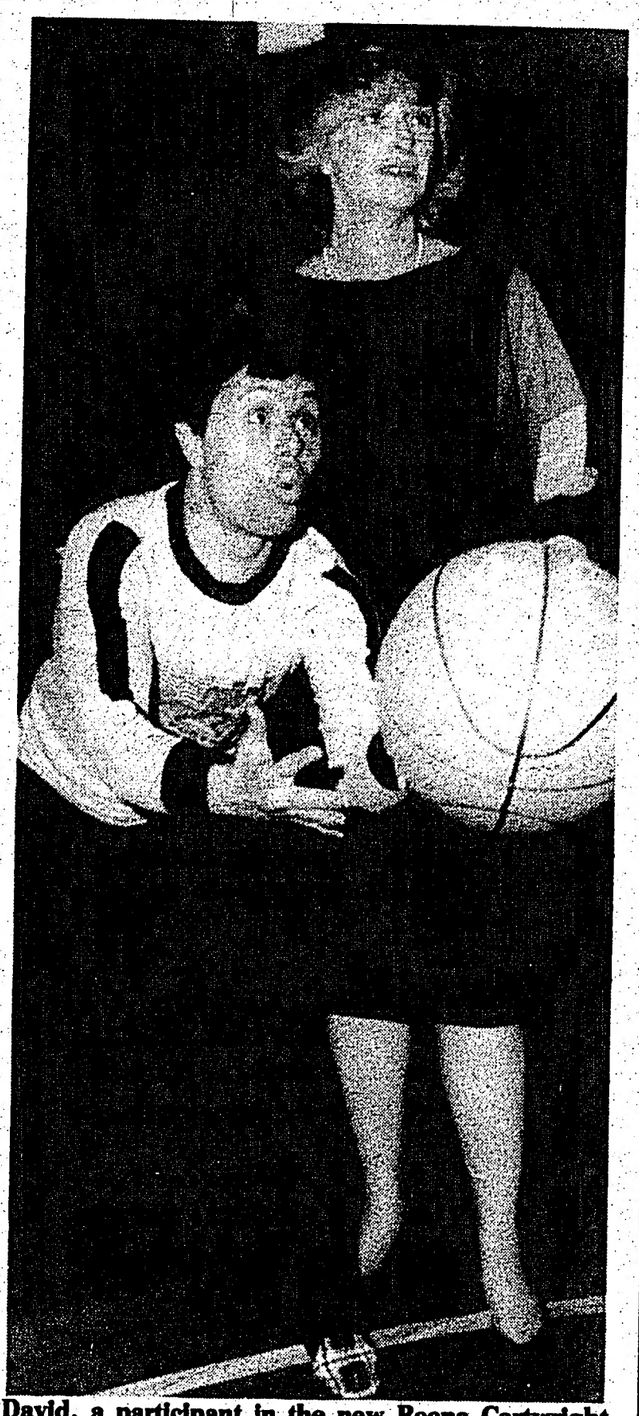
Vocational programs include preparing lunch and snacks for instructors and other clients with the assistance of kitchen staff.

The centre is not for Jews only, but it does maintain a Jewish spirit and holiday observance. Food products served are dairy and kosher.

The vocational program also provides clients with contract work for companies and the Jewish Vocational Service Atlaz Workshop and the Community Occupational Therapy Association are integral components in training individuals at the centre.

Life skills incorporate the teaching of personal hygiene and fine motor skills such as the manipulation of scissors.

Each client is assessed individually, according to his or her needs, and then placed in these programs.



David, a participant in the new Reena Cartwright Resource Centre, with vice-president and chairman Eleanor London. [Graphic Artists photo]

Sandy Keshen, executive director of Reena, pointed out that day programs also continue in the individual's home.

"If a client can't sit properly in his chair, a physiotherapist will go to his residence and show the individual and the parent (of the client) how to sit."

The ministry of community and social services has allocated a budget of $700,000 to operate the centre, which has been in the planning stages for the last three years.

It was opened to accommodate individuals unable to fit into special workshops for the mentally retarded.

The ministry became supportive of Reena's plan for the centre last spring when the Pine Ridge institution in Aurora, Ont. began closing down due to a policy of de-institutionalization of its clients.

These developmentally handicapped clients' emotional and behavioral problems could not be addressed in the existing workshops or day programs and they had nowhere to go.

There are now two dozen Pine Ridge clients in the Reena centre's day program and all 46 of the institution's residents are expected to be accommodated at the centre once they return to the community.

Many centre clients will be living in Reena's four new group homes and its other residential facilities.

The group homes are funded by the ministry of community and social services and have been renovated to comply with Reena standards.

Their official opening is also in May.

Charity tax reform urged by groups

OTTAWA —

The need to reform tax treatment of charitable giving by Canadian taxpayers and allowable political activity by charities was urged at a recent conference held here by the coalition of National Voluntary Organizations (NVO).

The NVO is a coalition of 128 charitable Canadian organizations which is now in its 10th year.

Secretary of State Serge Joyal addressed the delegates who suggested that their representatives be allowed to state their case on the tax issue before a House of Commons joint committee.

Among those participating were Bunny Gurvey, national president of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, and Eleanor Appleby, executive director of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada.

Wintario doubles $100,000 top prize

TORONTO —

Wintario has doubled its top prize to $200,000, D. Norman Morris, president of the Ontario Lottery Corporation said last week.

"The new prize structure will also offer three prizes of $100,000 in addition to the prizes offered in the current game," he added.

Win'fall has been converted to an instant feature, the first ever offered on a regular basis by Wintario. On the bottom of each ticket is a latex-covered box. If the word Win'fall is revealed after scratching the box, the ticket wins five free tickets for the same draw.

Eleven winning numbers will be drawn each week. Based on 5 million tickets, each draw will offer a total of 233,413 prizes valued at $2,920,000.

The changes in the prize structure, which were made following in-depth research with Wintario players across the province, are part of a complete revamp of the game, Morris said. "Wintario is the cornerstone of lotteries in Ontario," he said. "By making game changes from time to time, we keep it fresh and exciting for our players."

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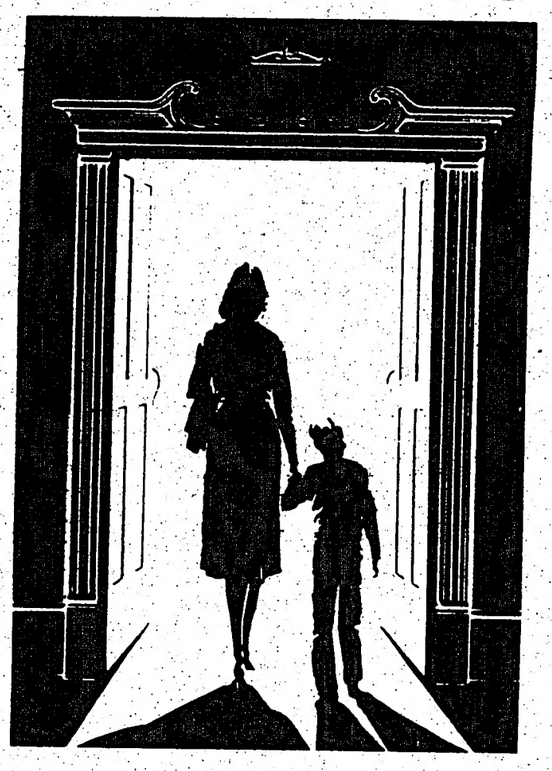

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Organizations and People

"Nobody and everybody is to blame"

Problems facing women drug users discussed

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
An overdependence on drugs by many women faced with loneliness and the inability to cope, provided the theme for this year's Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations' Conference of Women.

Taking part in the recent panel discussing The Addictive Women: Victim or Accomplice?, were Dr. Steven Levinson, family practitioner; Ruth Cooperstock, senior scientist with the Addiction Research Foundation and Dr. Estelle Altman, coordinator, Jewish Family Life Education, Jewish Family & Child Service.

In a 1979 Canada health survey, findings were remarkably similar to statistics on drug consumption in all developed countries, Cooperstock stated.

"The patterns were identical. We learned that twice as many women as men are prescribed sedatives, tranquilizers and hypnotic drugs, with a dramatic rise in the number of women on drugs after reaching middle age," said Cooperstock.

It was found that the segment of the population with the least power and coping skills were among the highest drug users — women, the elderly, white collar workers and the unemployed. For them, she said, the use of drugs was easier than looking for long-term solutions.

Levinson conceded that the issue has sexist overtones, with male doctors usually overprescribing for their female patients.

"Young medical graduates have no therapeutic skills and do not know how to deal with women," he remarked. "We're oriented toward drugs.

"Doctors are also more subject to stress than in any other profession and many find it easier to prescribe than to get at the underlying problem."

He suggested that the doctor is as much the victim as the woman he treats.

"It's human to blame someone — doctors, husbands or society," he went on, "but nobody and everybody is to blame. Women are having guilt problems regarding redefined roles resulting in misplaced anger and general frustration."

He placed much of the blame squarely on government for fee scales that pay doctors to treat disease, not for the prevention of illness.

So many women who are financially and physically sound wonder why they don't feel better about themselves, Altman told the 250 women in attendance. "To be human and alive means you have needs . . . but drugs are the wrong solution."

The reason behind any addiction is very important, she said, and the honing of one's therapeutic skills in "simply being a mensh" is vital in stimulating a sense of wellbeing.

"We're responsible for our own health. Control through self-discipline, rather than reliance on artificial means to solve problems, is the route to take," Altman stressed.

Like her colleagues on the panel, Altman agreed that we all look for quick easy answers to deep-rooted problems.

Conference chairman was Barbara Lewis. Esther Goodbaum, FJWO president, presented a brief report on the activities of the organization.

Panelists, from left, Ruth Cooperstock, Dr. Stephen Levinson, Dr. Estelle Altman and chairman Barbara Lewis. [Graphic Artists photo]

Labor leaders hear Israeli views

More than a govt. at stake

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
When Israelis go to the polls on July 23 they will be choosing more than just a new government — they will be helping to decide the future character of the state, according to a labor leader from Israel.

Eliezer Rafaeli, the executive vice-president of the Israel Histadrut for the U.S.A., last week told Ontario labor leaders that "Israel is a very peculiar kind of society. It's the only very successful, continuous social experiment this century, and the only state in the world made by organized labor.

"Throughout Israel's history," Rafaeli said, "Histadrut was THE element of social responsibility, the element of dialogue with the Arabs and the sole innovator of social experimentation. Labor was for 60 years the moving power for progressive, liberal, open-minded policies in Israel," he said.

Rafaeli, the former president of Haifa University and from 1978-80 the director-general of Project Renewal, has recently accepted a 2-year position in North America to put forward the Israeli Labor view of current issues.

Rafaeli was in Toronto to "continue the traditional alliance with the two groups that are the only two real allies Israel has had over the last generation — the Jewish communities and organized labor."

Prior to meeting with the Ontario labor representatives, he met with the Labor Zionist Achdut Avoda at the Borochov Centre.

Rafaeli told the labor leaders that organized labor has since 1976 worked in southern Lebanon to help that "killed society . . . We trained people and provided previously non-existent services, including health care," he said.

While the local labor leaders expressed understanding for Israel's position, some told Rafaeli that speaking up for Israel in light of its arms sales to repressive Central American regimes and South Africa was "awkward."

Rafaeli told them that "ideologically, I agree with you. But Israel faces a peculiar phenomenon — friends who are our friends until we're in need . . . and then embargo us.

"Israel discovered the unpleasant truth that if we don't supply ourselves with munitions we may be cut off."

He pointed to France's embargo of planes to Israel following the Six Day War in 1967, and to delays in American arms shipments to Israel.

Israel had to create a munitions industry, he said, and to make it economical to do so, it has to sell arms abroad.

"Somehow we'd like to live and if we don't supply our own planes and tanks, you'll remember us as dead heroes . . . and we don't want that."

Responding to a question linking oil supplies to politics, Rafaeli said the anomalous situation existed that the oil emirates and Saudi Arabia are "protected by Israel. The existence of Israel is the only real guarantee they have" of safety from their neighbors and their own people — the United States could not arrive in time to prevent a takeover.

"Saudi Arabia shudders with the fear of the day when the countries such as Iran and Yemen attack. And Saudi Arabia has half a million Shiites who are socially and culturally linked with the anti-democratic world," he said. "The only guard is Israel."

Can Labor come back into power, especially when in the past many working people voted for the Likud?

"Begin spoke with the voice of a hero, promising to correct the ills of society," Rafaeli said. "He promised cheap goods, but he created Israel's 300% inflation rate. Now Israelis know he was a failure."

Hopefully, he added, "this will give Labor the chance to form the next government of Israel."

COMING EVENTS

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NORMA JOSEPH has * Lectured at Concordia University and the State University of New York at Albany on **Women in Judaism** and **Women in Religion.**
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Shabbat Ha'atzmaut
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Israel Bonds offers a variety of gift certificates

TORONTO —

Gift certificates to be applied to the purchase of Israel Bonds are now available in denominations of $50 and $75, according to an announcement from the State of Israel Bonds office.

The certificates are suggested for use as gifts for bar/bat mitzvahs, birthdays, weddings, Chanukah and other special occasions.

The money collected from purchasers of the certificates is held in trust by an Israel Bond gift certificate committee until the recipient utilities it for the purchase of a Bond.

Coordinators of the gift certificate program, Shaila Gottlieb and Carol Smith, believe the program will make the purchase of Bonds more affordable and more accessible to larger markets — especially to the younger generation. They are hopeful the program will substantially "broaden the base" for the sale of Bonds.

For information on the gift certificates call Judi Sporn at 881-2001.

Members of the committee for new State of Israel Bonds gift certificates are, from left: Eva Kornhaber, Celia Goldberg, Sorrell Gwartzman, Shaila Gottlieb, Carol Smith, Judi Spron, Bunnie Appleby and Dayle Rakowsky. Denominations are available in $50 and $75.

Israelis must walk fine line

By DAVID PIERSON

TORONTO —

An Israeli has to choose a middle course between total denial and total sensitivity to the dangers that confront Israel, a prominent Israeli psychologist told a group of students at the recent Technion Fair at the Ontario Science Centre.

Prof. Albert Hefez, chairman of the department of psychiatry at Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, said that if an Israeli was sensitive to every danger, he couldn't function. But total denial would be an invitation to extreme risks of security.

Hefez said there are three significant factors that contribute to the stress level in Israel. Jews making aliya bring constant change as there is always adjustment between the new and the old.

Another contributing factor is the constant striving for achievement and the high standards that Israel has set for itself.

But the biggest stress is the permanent threat of war and annihilation of the State of Israel.

"The survival of Israel is on everyone's mind constantly. The frequency of war is nowhere near as much in the world as it is in Israel," he said.

Hefez said the 1973 Yom Kippur War was the first major experience of psychiatric casualties. "Before the Yom Kippur war everyone thought an Israeli soldier was immune to combat exhaustion.

"Israel's army always had a high morale and cohesiveness. But the Yom Kippur was not a preventive war. Israel wasn't ready and was on the defensive.

"Soldiers were exposed to new situations, casualties were high, and the size and strength of the enemy were intimidating."

Hefez said when a soldier is suffering from combat exhaustion he usually is in a numb or hyperactive state. There are many effective forms of treatment such as hypnosis, drugs, group therapy and use of humor. Most soldiers recover.

"It is better to treat soldiers near the front so they know that they'll have to go back to the fighting some day," he added.

Hefez said civilians who live in the high risk areas cope the best with the dangers that confront Israel. The elderly and the chronically ill are usually the first ones to break in times of crisis.

Kibbutz living is conducive to coping as everything is organized and people live in a sharing environment. "Everyone in Israel is in a constant state of bereavement because everyone is so close."

Hefez said every incident, from the taking of hostages to the ravages of war, are recorded and studied. "Everything is pragmatic, not theoretical.

"Israel is in a permanent state of war and for its enemies it is only a question of time and opportunity before they attack again. Israel has to struggle or face a second Holocaust."

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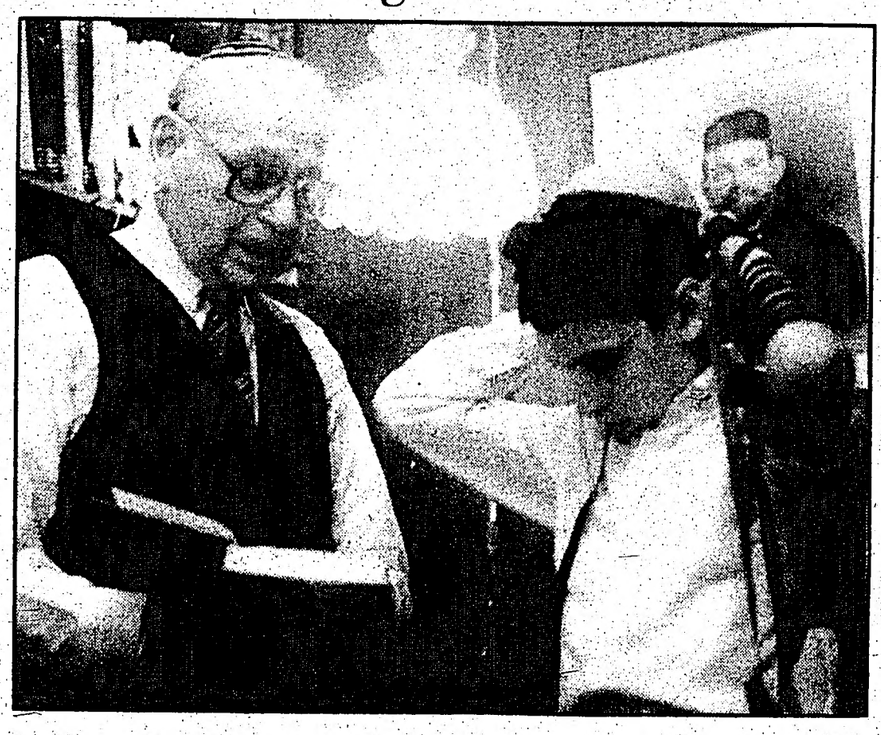

Zaidy Berl Berger teaches his grandson Eli, son of Paul and Carol Brown, for his Bar Mitzvah.

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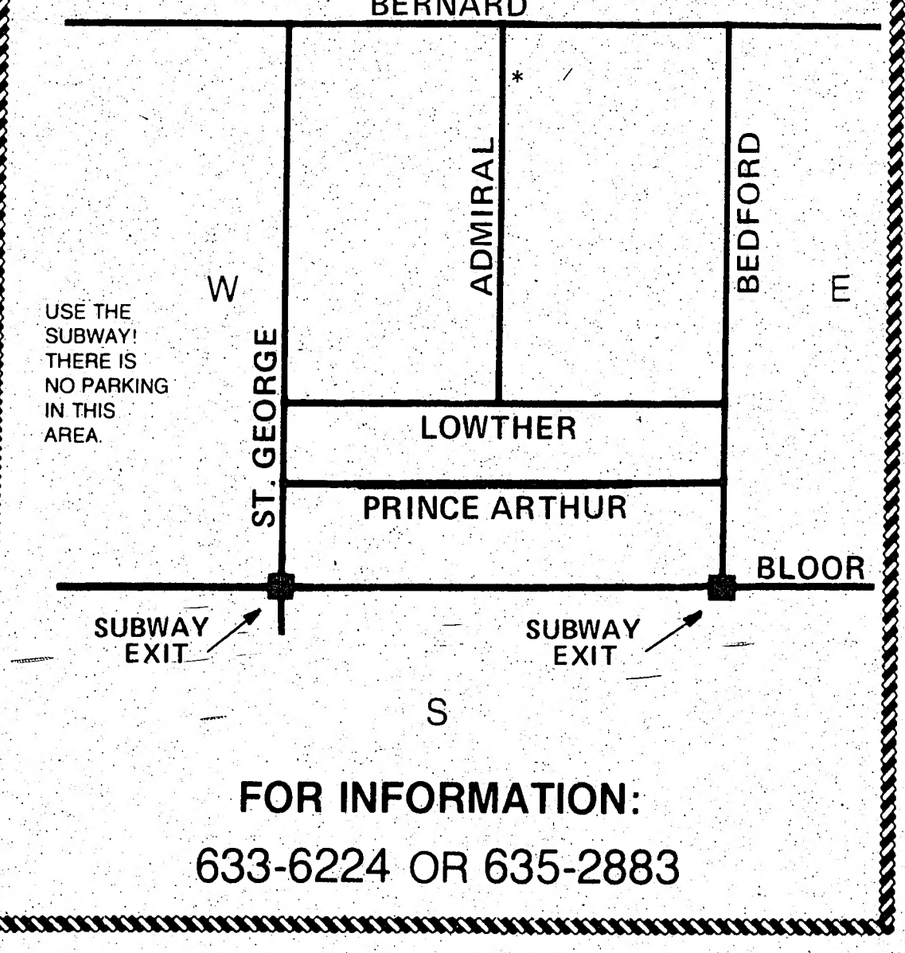

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Organizations and People

60,000 pounds of flour a day used

Koch helps matzoh company celebrate birthday

By TAMMY KAROL

On Feb. 8, New York Mayor Ed Koch formally launched the Passover matzoh baking season by donning a baker's hat and apron at the Long Island City plant of the Horowitz - Margareten Company.

He issued a proclamation honoring the firm on its 100 years of matzoh making in New York and selected a Centennial Matzoh for the occasion.

The mayor met with Harry and Jack Margareten, the great-grandson and great-great-grandson, respectively, of Jacob and Mary Margareten, who founded the company in 1884, a year after their arrival in the U.S. (CJN Feb. 2).

In the last 100 years Horowitz - Margareten has expanded from a tiny bakery to a corporation that does business all over the world and now produces a dozen types of matzoh and 150 other food products.

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Want to know how to bake a matzoh? Start with 60,000 pounds of flour a day, add water, and stir, Harry Margareten said as he described the process used in baking kosher matzohs for year round use and for Passover.

Margareten says the flour mills must be thoroughly cleaned, koshered and approved by a rabbi who remains at the mill during the entire production.

Then at the matzoh factory before the first batch is mixed each day, a rabbi pronounces a special benediction. Then and only then, may the process begin.

Flour is mixed in small batches every few minutes with water which must be specially prepared.

It is stored in special tanks overnight to assure that it's exactly the right temperature for matzoh making.

Once the dough is ready, it is kneaded and rolled by machines until it emerges in flat sheets approximately 1/32 of an inch thick and is cut and marked as matzoh by a special roller.

The 100-foot sheets of matzoh dough continue to move automatically through an 800-degree plus oven where the baking process takes place.

The trip through the oven takes about nine minutes and the entire process about 16 minutes.

Margareten says a rabbi sits at the end of the oven checking all the matzoh and if any piece does not satisfy him, it's thrown away.

After baking, the matzohs are cooled in moving baskets for 30 minutes, packed in boxes and wrapped with wax paper.

Each package weighs a maximum of 11 ounces and, for Passover, a pound.

Following packaging in the familiar Horowitz-Margareten box, the Passover matzohs are packaged again in 5-pound lots and made ready for shipment to stores and distributors throughout the U.S., Canada and other countries.

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Horowitz-Margareten has compiled a number of recipes this Passover season. A couple are listed below.

CHOCOLATE CAKE

8 eggs - separated
1½ cups sugar
¼ cup orange juice
Rind of 1 orange - grated
2 tbsp. Passover cocoa
¼ cup Passover wine
¾ cup Horowitz-Margareten Cake Meal

Grease two 8-inch square pans and line with waxed paper. Sift the cake meal.

Beat egg yolks; add sugar and beat until thick and lemon colored.

Add grated orange rind, cocoa, orange juice and wine, mixing thoroughly. Gently stir in the sifted cake meal.

Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry and fold into batter.

Pour into prepared pans and bake in moderate oven (350F) for 40-50 minutes or until toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean.

Turn out on cake rack and remove waxed paper.

MATZOH BREI

4 eggs
4 Horowitz-Margareten matzohs
Dash pepper
½ cup water or milk
½ teaspoon salt
4 tbsp. butter or shortening

Soak matzohs in cold water until soft. Drain thoroughly.

Heat shortening in frying pan and fry matzohs until well browned.

Beat together eggs, milk, salt and pepper.

Pour over matzoh and stir constantly until eggs are set. Serves 3-4.

Harry Margareten, left, claps hands while New York mayor Ed Koch helps make "centennial matzoh." Jack Margareten is at right.

Fate of doctors remains a mystery

TORONTO —

The whereabouts of more than 100 doctors who were arrested without charge or trial in 1980, when they stood up in defence of human rights in Syria, continues to remain unknown today, according to Toronto physician Dr. Oscar P. Singer.

This news, he told The CJN recently, has been documented in a recent Amnesty International report.

The report says the detentions followed a 1-day strike on March 30, 1980, by three professions — doctors, lawyers and engineers — to protest the lack of government response to their requests for legislative reforms.

The three professional groups sought the lifting of the state of emergency that had been in effect in Syria since March 8, 1963, which had resulted in widespread arbitrary arrests, incommunicado detention, "disappearances," and torture.

Shortly after the strike, on April 9, the Syrian ministerial cabinet dissolved the national congresses and regional assemblies of all three professional groups. In the weeks that followed, scores of doctors, lawyers, and engineers were jailed.

Amnesty International, says the report, has recorded the names of 3,500 persons who were allegedly jailed by the security forces between January 1980 and December 1981 alone.

The prisoners were kept incommunicado, often in solitary confinement for periods of a few days to years, without access to defence counsel or family, and without medical examinations or care.

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Organizations and People

Everything not at your fingertips

Passover preparation a big job in small centres

By
JOAN SICHEL

MONCTON, NB —
If you think it's complicated preparing for Passover in the big city, you should try it in small town Canada where you have to plan down to the last matzoh crumb three months in advance. And even then there's no guarantee.

Culture shock immobilizes a former Montrealer who now needs to be superorganized to make a kosher and abundant holiday for the family.

There, your neighborhood market has all the matzoh products you need; even the latecomer will find enough for a modest celebration. You shop around, choose where the variety or quality or price suits you.

Here there is no choice, you just take whatever you can get. And you're glad you've got something. For those really serious about Passover, it's a difficult time.

In Moncton, the major chains do us the favor of bringing in a few staple items. The ladies in the community are involved in putting together the list for the supermarket.

When the order arrives, they rush down and buy whatever is in because tomorrow it'll all be gone. And it all goes . . . no matter what.

Many people import their own supplies privately from Toronto, or order through a small local store. Expensive as air freight is, it still is cheaper to order direct, and friends get together and cooperate more at this time of year.

Perhaps you'll get a better selection this way. Of course you also take advantage of every friend and relative you know who is traveling to bring you a CARE package.

Until recently in Moncton, we had a few Passover wines stocked: specially sweetened (in the round bottle) by Carmel or the same in the square bottle by Manischewitz. Now only Manischewitz is available.

Via a complicated (there's that word again) procedure, we could order by the case through the local liquor store, but it's easier to engage in a little genteel smuggling under the watchful eyes of the RCMP from Amherst, NS 37 miles away, or from Halifax, 175 miles off, where a better selection is available. And friends visiting will always oblige.

"I really do my penance with the changing of the dishes," said Terri Cohen, Sisterhood president of Tiferes Israel in Moncton. "That's the way my husband was brought up, and he wants it that way. So I agree. It's a lot of work but it gets simpler every year."

"Dominion had some cheese, so I've got kosher cheese, matzoh, oil, marshmallows and a few cans of salmon.

Sometime you have to do without

"That's all they had, and they wanted an arm and a leg and a toe for it, even."

She also has to do the ordering for the kiddush foods.

Margie Attis grew up here, but spent a few years in Toronto with her husband before their children were born. She prefers Passover here with family to share the festivities.

"We order ahead but this is no special hardship; we just eat a lot of eggs and matzoh. True, there's not a big selection . . . but we just do without."

The Jewish children seem to stand out more on Pesach. Shiella Weil, who grew up in Sydney, NS and lived in France and Halifax before settling in Moncton, recalled her youth when they were made to feel conspicuous when they did not go to school on the Yom Tov.

"In Sydney we had to stay away from school, and the non-Jews needed explanations why we were absent."

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For us, Pesach is a huge surprise box that comes from the grandparents in Montreal. Opening the box signifies the holiday is near, as we do peek in and then hide the treats it contains in the attic until the big day.

But then comes the inconvenience of packing a lunch with matzoh, and the comments and explanations called for at school get tiresome and embarrass a child who wants to be like everyone else.

And when Easter comes at the same time, friends and neighbors offer forbidden treats and it's so hard for the little ones to accept.

But Anne Selick, a member of the older generation, recalls the days when Moncton had a kosher butcher. That made it easier. Today they order through the small store, buy what they can find at the supermarket, and when they go away, buy cheese and butter to freeze back home.

"Years ago it was much harder. Then we had to get live chickens and clean them and cut them up ourselves. So many of the things we couldn't use then, we can use today.

"We would have to go to the farmer, and bring our own milk containers. For a while we used to get our Pesach milk from the dairy in Saint John, but in the early years we didn't use milk on Pesach."

There are as many different perspectives on Pesach as there are families celebrating.

Petition demands PLO crackdown

TORONTO —
In a telegram to Allan MacEachen, secretary of state for external affairs, the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association and Toronto Zionist Council has charged that the Senate foreign relations committee displayed "a callous and blatant disregard for human lives" by issuing an invitation to a representative of the PLO (CJN April 12).

A petition, signed by more than 10,000 Canadians which demands that "the government of Canada take immediate action to outlaw and deport such terrorists and close down PLO facilities in Canada," will be presented May 20.

The petition accuses the PLO of being involved in terrorist activities throughout the world, including the training and supplying of weapons to such groups as the Red Brigade, Baader Meinhoff and the IRA.

Copies of the telegram were sent to Prime Minister Trudeau, as well as Brian Mulroney, leader of the Opposition and Ed Broadbent, leader of the New Democratic Party.

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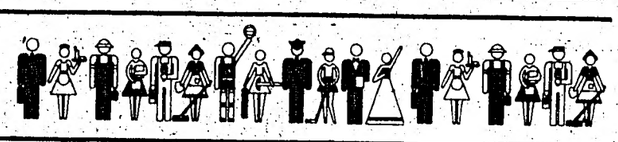

Arts

Wife's request to paint results in Koffler show

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

An Israeli who had no thought of becoming an artist until his wife discovered an aquarelle among his possessions and persuaded him to take up painting, will have his first Canadian show at the Koffler Loggia Gallery May 3 to 27.

The exhibition of about 30-40 paintings will be opened officially by Hamilton mayor Bob Morrow at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 8.

Eitan Dvir, born in Iran in 1942, won first prize in a painting contest at the age of 16 and two years later was again awarded 1st prize. He studied at the Atelier Paimani in Teheran until the age of 19, when he had to enter the army.

After completing his national service he studied languages at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland and later in Belgium, then returned to Switzerland for studies in interior architecture. His family had meanwhile emigrated to Israel and he joined them when he learned that his father was ill and dying.

Her husband was afraid he wouldn't be able to make a living as a painter, explained Dvir's Moroccan-born French wife Therese, whom he met in Israel in 1972.

She had studied French literature and art at the Sorbonne and following her discovery of the small aquarelle, insisted that her husband take up painting full time.

Her job in a bank would support them, but it wasn't long before Dvir not only began to make a name for himself, but became so popular "that it became impossible to have something on the wall."

A gallery in Tel Aviv began to show his work and he was soon inundated with requests for paintings on specific subjects but "painting only what others wanted him to paint" eventually palled and in 1981, "ready for an exhibition in Canada," the couple arrived in Hamilton, where Dvir has family.

"For the first time I had the opportunity to work for myself," said Dvir, joining the conversation in the living room of the couple's apartment, where they live with their three small daughters, Mona, Maya and Eva, aged 8, 4 and 15 months.

A bedroom has been turned over to Dvir for use as a studio, where he paints mostly through the night, managing, he adds, on about four hours sleep.

But getting established in Canada turned out to be more difficult than the couple had imagined.

"No one knew us," admits Therese, an enthusiastic promoter of her husband and, the more fluent of the two in English, the spokesman. But "Rabbi (Morton) Green took care of us." Her husband had a show at the Adas Israel Synagogue "and people liked what they saw."

Dvir, who changed his name in Israel from the original Iranian Iradj Khakchourian and now signs himself with both last names as Khakchourian-Dvir, calls himself a traditional painter.

He started out as an impressionist but made the change because he feels "the traditional is more profound. I can express much deeper feelings in the faces."

His subjects are often religious, Jewish themes such as The Search For Chometz Before Pesach, biblical themes and modern ones such as the liberation of the Western Wall in a traditional setting.

Dvir is also a portrait painter and at the recent dinner in honor of Rabbi Green's silver anniversary as spiritual leader of Adas Israel Congregation, presented the rabbi with a portrait.

He recently began teaching art at a local Catholic high school and on Sunday mornings conducts classes "for anyone" at the Hamilton Hebrew Academy.

In September he will have an exhibition at Hamilton Place and later in the fall the Hamilton Multicultural Council will also exhibit his work.

Prayer of Innocence by Khakchourian-Dvir

The cast of Fourteen, a family play directed by Richard Sholchet. [Cylla Von Tiedemann photo]

Garrard offers new plays

Playwright pleased with work

TORONTO —

Two new plays by Jim Garrard are currently being presented by AKA Performance Interfaces at St. Paul's Square Theatre, 121 Avenue Rd.

Peggy's Song, the story of an extraordinary woman's investigation into the mysterious death of her husband, and Fourteen, about a group of 14 girl friends, all age 14, celebrating the end of their first year of high school at a sleepover party, are directed by Richard Shoichet.

Shoichet, a co-founder of The Theatre Centre, is the son of Dorothy Shoichet, immediate past president of ORT and co-chairman, 1984, of the Friends of Habima.

Playwright Garrard describes the motivation for writing Fourteen as "I wanted some advance notice about what the world would be like in the near future.

"I have found out there is tremendous reason to be optimistic. I can't remember when I've left work each day feeling so good, so often."

Of Peggy's Song, he says, "Margaret Dragu is ideally suited to play Peggy. She can walk the tightrope of laughter and pain and never lose the irony of the piece."

Peggy's Song runs Friday through Sunday, 7.30 p.m. Late shows Friday and Saturday at 10. Admission $10. Sunday and advance, $8.

Fourteen runs Tuesday through Thursday at 7.30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2.30. Admission $10, advance, $8. Special student admissions.

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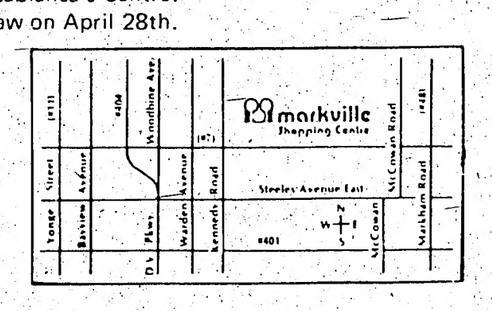

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Author reconstructs events

London murder case added fuel to anti-semitic fire

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By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Trials of Israel Lipski — A True Story of a Victorian Murder in the East End of London. By Martin L. Friedland. MacMillan, $17.95.

The scene was London's crowded, slum-ridden East End, Jack the Ripper territory. The time was 1887, Queen Victoria's Jubilee year. The crime was grisly: the murder of a young pregnant Jewish housewife; nitric acid had been forcibly poured down her throat.

Who was guilty? All the evidence seemed to point to Israel Lipski, a handsome, 22-year-old Polish Jew who had come to England several months before. He lived alone in an attic room just above the dwelling of the murdered woman and her husband. He was found unconscious under the victim's bed, corrosive acid marks in his mouth, the door of the room locked from the inside.

Protesting his innocence, the Yiddish-speaking immigrant told an unlikely story of being attacked and robbed by two acquaintances who forced acid down his mouth and cast him beneath the bed as dead.

Many questions remained unanswered: what was the motive for the crime? Was the door really locked from the inside? Had the accused been properly identified? Did Lipski know the murdered woman in Europe?

These and similar difficult problems troubled the judge, lawyers, newspapers and the general public in what became a sensational trial. The New York Times observed in a front page story that London was "far more engrossed in the case of Israel Lipski than with the fate of the government."

Martin L. Friedland, professor of law at the University of Toronto, approaches this unusual event from several directions. In the first place there is the 2-day trial itself, filled with unexpected twists and legal improprieties. The defence lawyer was inept, the judge influenced the jury, evidence that favored Lipski was withheld by the police and the accused was not called as a witness in his own defence.

By all modern legal standards the accused was not given a fair trial. Yet, the jury after only eight minutes of deliberation condemned the accused man to death.

However, there was enough uncertainty and perturbation in the mind of the judge — and sufficient new evidence unearthed — to grant Lipski a 1-week reprieve. On the fateful day of decision there was a sudden and unexpected development that changed everything. Readers of this story, as intriguing as any crime detective novel, will have to discover what happened for themselves.

In the second place, the author has chosen to retell this story of almost a century ago for reasons that are social, political and economic — and of special interest to Jews.

In the last decade of the 19th century anti-semitism was rife in England as unrestricted immigration in a time of economic depression brought many Jews into the country. Anti-alien and anti-Jewish immigrant propaganda, stimulated by the Lipski case, led to a frenzy of agitation in some newspapers and the formation of a special House of Commons committee to study the effects of immigration.

Understandably, the Jewish community was caught up in the trial and petitions with thousands of signatures on behalf of the accused were submitted to the Home Secretary. Rabbi Simeon Singer, who acted as Lipski's spiritual advisor, played a significant role in the case.

Prof. Friedland, in his masterly reconstruction of the entire event, uses the original transcript of the trial and brilliantly depicts the role of all the characters in this engrossing drama of life and death.

Play financed by joint venture

Toronto "angels" team up with feds

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

There are 14 "angels" in Toronto who believe you can make money in theatre. They've put up a lot of money (the exact amount undisclosed) to mount a production of an off-Broadway hit in Winnipeg, Calgary, Ottawa and Toronto.

These angels, men and women in business and the professions, are backing a major new sortie into theatre by private enterprise — a project which may usher in a new era in performing arts in Canada, a partnership of private and public money.

They are financing the presentation of The Dining Room by Gemstone Productions Ltd., a new private company of three producing partners, Joseph Green, Leon Major and Gordon Hinch. The play is booked into four regional theatres which are subsidized by public funds.

The project has the blessing of the federal government's Canada Council which is also investing about $25,000 (the maximum permissible). This grant comes from the council's Venture Capital Fund.

"Though the council's investment is not large, the participation of a third party helped convince the other investors to come in," said Hinch.

Another inducement was the fine Canadian cast, Douglas Rain, Marti Maraden, Nancy Palk, Barbara Gordon, David McIlwraith and Donald Burda, most of whom are Stratford and Shaw Festival performers.

The Dining Room, by A. R. Gurney, Jr., is a satirical look at upper middle class society in North America, involving a number of different families over a period of several decades. It ran for 18 months in New York.

Green and Major saw it in New York one night and were so impressed that they closed a deal for the Canadian rights the next day.

Up to now, according to Green, who was dean of fine arts at York University for many years, it has been nearly impossible to convince agents to make a separate deal on hit play for Canadian rights. Now, Green says, this is changing.

Leon Major, its former general director, is happy about coming "home" to the St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto where The Dining Room opens June 27 for an extended run. Major, in addition to being one of the producing partners, is directing the play. "This time I haven't got a board on my back," he said.

Leon Major

Major recalled for The CJN his first producing job in Toronto in 1959 when he put on Hamlet of Stepney Green (about a Jewish area in London) at the old Radio Music Hall Theatre on St. Clair Ave. W., starring Sammy Sales. It went belly up.

Since leaving St. Lawrence Centre three years ago, Major has been doing free lance directing jobs in U.S. and Canada, many in opera. "I'm glad to get back to working with actors," he confided.

"The Dining Room is about WASPs and it's just right for the new St. Lawrence with its middle class decor and its greater intimacy with the audience," he said.

The play opened at the Manitoba Theatre Centre, Winnipeg, April 5, where the set was built. The run there lasts until April 28 and it moves on to Theatre Calgary May 11 - June 9, and to the National Arts Centre, Ottawa, June 13 to 23.

Gordon Hinch, one of the partners, is a former CBC producer and executive producer of The Newcomers for Imperial Oil. The set and costumes for The Dining Room are designed by Phillip Silver and the lighting design is by Silver and Louise Guinand.

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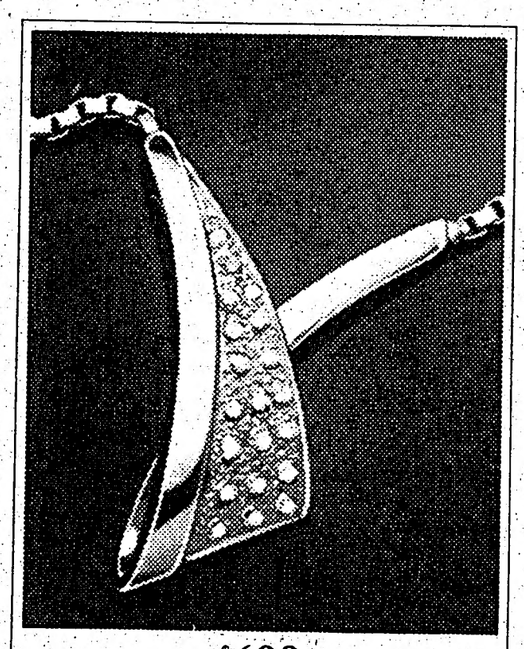

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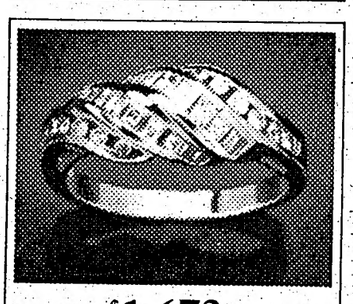

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Arts

Toronto composers highlight evening

First class musical talent makes festival a success

music

By RICK KARDONNE

The first Koffler Centre Jewish Music Festival was a highly successful demonstration of the wide diversity of first-class Jewish musical talent, both in the creative and performance spheres, which exist in Toronto.

Highlights of the opening evening of Jewish Chamber Music were the three original compositions by Toronto composers which, in terms of creative imagination, overshadowed the other featured works by Prokofiev, Bernstein and Krein.

While the Prokofiev Overture on Hebrew Themes and the Hebraic Sketches by Alexander Krein strove to merely reproduce Jewish folk themes, Milton Barnes' String Quartet #2 (Scenes from Jewish Life, Parts 1 & 2), Srul Irving Glick's Suite Hebraique #4 and Ben Steinberg's Suite Sephardi utilized Jewish folk themes as a strong springboard from which to ascend to new creative innovations.

The Barnes quartet, a spirited semi-abstract, frequently exciting work, elevated such familiar folk laments as Moishele Mein Freindt to the similar status of modernistic immortality as Bartok did with Hungarian folk themes.

And the Glick suite, rooted in Ashkenazic folk themes, together with the Steinberg suite, with Sephardic roots, achieved comparable levels of genuine innovation through the vehicle of probably North America's leading serious concert saxophonist, Paul Brodie [just returned from a concert tour of India, Southeast Asia and Australia].

The fact that such top musicians as Brodie were involved is ample testimony to the high level of artistic excellence which prevailed throughout the 4-concert weekend festival.

Heidi Sue Larman's participatory Jewish-thematic children's concert on Sunday morning naturally fused fun with worthwhile educational content.

The choral concert Sunday afternoon, directed by Gordon Kushner, featured exemplary performances by Cantors Benjamin Maissner and Severin Weingort with, again, a strong emphasis on original Toronto compositions by the likes of Srul Glick, Ben Steinberg, John Weinzweig, Milton Barnes, Raymond Jessel, and Sid Rabinovitch as well as Israeli composers Moshe Wilensky, Paul Ben-Haim, Shlomo Arad and Marc Lavry.

And the folk concert Sunday evening, conducted by yours truly Rick Kardonne, portrayed the full spectrum of the Jewish ethnic folk heritage: the Moroccan-Jewish liturgy of Cantor Armand Moyal, the Yemenite dance stylings of Dahlia Nadav, the Yiddish and contemporary Hebrew songs performed by Jennie Eisenstein, and concluding with the joyous big-band sounds of east European klezmer music and klezmer - rooted jazz.

The first Jewish Music Festival did remarkably well considering the fact that it was up against a persistent problem concerning Jewish music events in Toronto: schedule conflicts.

On Saturday night March 31, there was also a much-publicized Israel cabaret night at Temple Sinai while on Sunday night April 1, Cantor Paul Zim performed at Beth Torah.

When, oh when, will there be a phone service where producers of Jewish music events can reliably consult a calendar of what is scheduled on such-and-such a date, sufficiently in advance, to prevent conflicts and thus ensure that such major undertakings will attract the maximum interested audiences?

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Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme are one of those increasingly rare North American night-club acts who are truly better live than on record.

While their selection of songs was of solid quality, even if usually "playing-it-safe," what was especially entertaining to the capacity O'Keefe Centre audience which enjoyed their generous 3-hour show was their casual, delightful repartee and sparkling witticisms.

Their one significant venture into new material was their medley from the current Broadway show La Cage aux Folles — a scene which, while serviceably charming within the context of the show, on its own lacks sufficient melodic innovation to be distinctive.

Violinist Moshe Hammer, cellist Vladimir Orloff, and harpist Erica Goodman are among those participating in Magda Zalan's Musica Hungarica,. a sesquicentennial musical tribute to 400 years of Hungarian music, at Town Hall tonight [April 19] at 8 p.m. Others participating include pianist Adam Fellegi, violinist Marta Hidy, singers Barbara Collier and Janos Tessenyi, and pianist John Coveart. CBC's Margaret Pacsu will emcee.

Archeological finds on display at Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Two hundred archeological treasures from Israel, the result of recent excavations on land and in the waters off Haifa's coast, are being displayed in a major exhibit, Crossroads of the Ancient World: Israel's Archeological Heritage, from May 1 through July 31 at the Harvard Semitic Museum.

Crossroads of the Ancient World discusses ancient Israel's strategic location as a "crossroads" in the complex maritime trade network known to have existed between peoples of the Mediterranean, Africa, and Asia.

A major part of the exhibit is devoted to the subject of seafaring in antiquity, Israelite involvement in maritime trade, and the establishment of naval traditions.

Another section of the exhibit focuses on the finds made by archeologists on land near Haifa, at the ancient settlement of Shikmona, where Mount Carmel and the Mediterranean meet.

The artifacts unearthed attest to a mixture of cultures, a degree of prosperity, and at times, high artistic achievement.

These objects are displayed within a chronological sequence which spans a period of 2,500 years, from the biblical Age of the Patriarchs, ca. 1800 BC, to the Moslem conquest in 640 AD.

The Harvard Semitic Museum is located at 6 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, Mass., 02138. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Operetta hopes to raise funds for theatre groups' location

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A location in downtown Toronto as the home base for minority theatre groups is now the goal of the Ontario Multicultural Theatre Association. To this end, it is staging the operetta Land of Smiles (in English) at the Bayview Playhouse, April 24-29, as a fund raising project.

The operetta is by Franz Lehar, and although not as well known in North America as the Merry Widow, Land of Smiles is a favorite in Europe.

A cast of 30, involving singers from eight different countries, takes part under the baton of Roberto DeClara, conductor of Opera Hamilton. The four leading roles have been assigned to professionals within various ethnic groups.

This is the first time the OMTA has ventured outside its annual format of a 2-week festival of plays by constituent groups at Harborfront.

"We know that grants are being cut back and we must raise more revenue by ourselves," said Lawrence Laffan, assistant executive director. "We want to showcase all minority theatre in a downtown location at a low rental."

Among groups affiliated with OMTA are Theatre Shalom, Nephesh Theatre and the Leah Posluns Centre. This year its 2-week festival will be held in November at Adelaide Court Theatre.

Land of Smiles is the story of an Austrian countess who marries a Chinese prince who already has three wives. The couple tries to overcome local prejudices, but in the end tradition and local custom tears them apart.

There will be eight performances, including matinees on the weekend. For more information, 366-9694.

"We think the success of the Merry Widow by the Canadian Opera Company at O'Keefe Centre proves that there is an audience for this kind of production," Laffan told the CJN.

The Harborfront location is not accessible to many members of minority groups, he pointed out, and in addition its theatres must be booked a year ahead and there is always the threat of cancellation. This underlines the drive for a new home for OMTA, he said.

Writer's first play takes prize in prestigious festival

By
BEN ROSE

VANCOUVER —

The first play ever written by Glenda Leznoff, 28, has won a prize in the prestigious 10th annual duMaurier Festival and is being presented at the New Play Centre here next week.

Leznoff's play, titled Rings, is a 1-act comedy about four women attending a bridal shower. It explores the playwright's contemporary attitude towards marriage and special friendships that exist between women.

She is the daughter of Dr. Arthur and Ruth Leznoff, North York, and her parents and grandmother, Mrs. Sybil Leznoff, of Montreal, are flying here for the production.

Glenda Leznoff

Leznoff joins distinguished company in winning a duMaurier playwrighting prize. Among well known Canadian West coast writers who have had their early plays produced at the Festival are John Lazarus, Charles Tidler, Margaret Hollingsworth, Tom Walmsley, Tom Cone, Sheldon Rosen, Ted Galay, Leonard Angel and Sherman Snukal.

A freelance writer, she has had fiction published in the Malahat Review, and articles in Vancouver Magazine, Flair, Today's Bride, and Maclean's. She teaches creative writing at University of British Columbia.

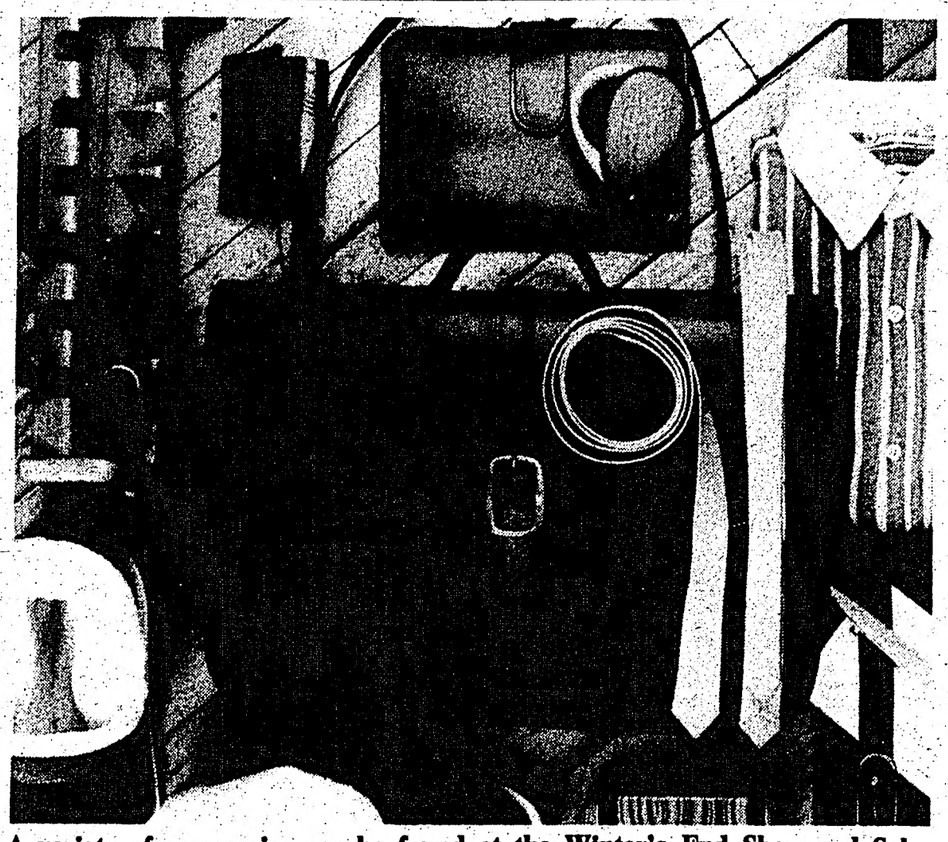
Rings was one of six winning plays chosen from 80 entries.

Leznoff is one of the founders of the Vancouver Comedy Company which does "improvs." She writes, directs and acts in the company's productions.

She was born in Montreal and attended Mount Royal High School. The family moved to Toronto in 1971 and Leznoff was active in drama and dance at A. Y. Jackson High School and University of Toronto.

She moved to Vancouver in 1976 and completed her degree work in creative writing at UBC where she is now studying towards an MA. She was married in 1980 to Ken Webber.

She has a brother and two sisters: Fred, a teacher in Toronto, Joyce, graduating this year in an honors business course at York University, and Sandy, a student in occupational therapy at University of Western Ontario.



A variety of accessories can be found at the Winter's End Show and Sale.

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TORONTO —

The Canadian Craft Show's "Winter's end" show and sale takes place at the Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place, from April 25 to April 29.

Hours are April 25, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.; April 26, 27, 28 from noon to 10 p.m.; April 29 from noon to 6 p.m.

Admission is $3.50 for adults. There is no charge for seniors and children under 13 when accompanied by an adult.

The winter's end show and sale has become the major spring craft show and sale in Ontario and is expected to attract over 25,000 shoppers. Because it is a juried show, the public can see over 250 of Canada's finest craftspeople showing the best in fashion, decor and general craft pieces.

As parents shop and browse, children will be creatively occupied in a supervised play area, say show officials.

In addition there will be two professionally coordinated fashion shows featuring one-of-a-kind designer fashions, twice daily at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

New this year is "The General Store" brimming with affordable crafts; and the "Contemporary Gallery" featuring hand-blown glassware, handcarved sculpture, porcelain handpainted lamps, glazed decorator pottery and more.

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Arts

Author recalls own childhood

Ethnic groups relate moving tales of life in Canada

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

"Canada . . . a land of maybes, shrugs and in-betweens."

That phrase comes from a Korean woman recalling the uncertainty and anguish and rebuffs she endured when she arrived in this country as a 7-year-old DP — displaced person.

It reflects the trauma of many of the 26 immigrants from 24 ethnic groups who tell their story in a heartfelt new book titled Between Two Worlds: The Canadian Immigrant Experience (326 pages; $12.95; Quadrant Editions, Montreal).

It has been edited by Milly Charon, a passionate Montrealer in her 40s, who is herself a first-generation Canadian and the Jewish daughter of immigrant Hungarian and Czech parents who lost their entire families in the Holocaust.

"This book has been rattling around in my mind since I was a kid of 10 and was eating me up alive until I could get it out of my system," said the author, in Toronto recently to promote her book.

As a child in Montreal's St. Urbain St. area ghetto, publicized in the novels of Mordecai Richler, she recalls: "I felt there was a fascinating story behind each door.

"How had these gutsy newcomers survived in the New World, unable to speak the language, yet overcoming prejudice and bitter hardships, to carve out a new life for themselves as Canadians?"

Through taped interviews and their own first-person written accounts, she has communicated movingly their individual odysseys of adjustment, of whom three are Jewish.

But the saga of her own gutsy adaptation is perhaps most touching of all.

"I was called the dummy kid," she says, recalling how she was mocked as a 4-year-old girl, who couldn't speak English or French.

Her father, Frank, a former Czech army officer, tried to scratch together a living in three jobs — as house painter, glazier for a window pane company, and weekends as headwaiter at weddings and bar mitzvahs.

Her Hungarian-born mother, Rezsi, developed a permanent shoulder stoop as she sat hunched over a sewing machine in a sweatshop on St. Lawrence Blvd., where she was paid $6 a week.

Consequently, Milly, at 6, was what she terms a "shlisel kind," Yiddish for key child.

"It meant you were an immigrant's kid with a key tied around your neck on a cord," she recalls. "You came home after school to pick up your younger brothers and sisters who were looked after during the day by neighbors.

"You opened the door of your family's cold flat to wait for Mom and Poppa to come home from the factory. If you were chilled, you simply piled on another coat. If you were hungry, you stood on a chair to turn on the gas part of the coal stove and learned the hard way to cook a shlisel kid's meal — french frys and an omelette."

Milly Charon

As she looks back on her childhood, two impressions stand out most vividly.

"No matter how rotten things were in our home, my kindhearted mother responded generously to hard-luck stories from immigrants worse off than we were," she says. "My mother made her own barrels of pickles and cole slaw and she was known for sharing her barrels with any neighbors hard up for food."

She also remembers one of the few times when her mother burst into tears in her helplessness.

"It happened because I was a sickly kid with bronchial problems and my mother had to find time to sit with me waiting on the welfare clinic rounds," she says. "She and I never forgot how one of the young doctors told her callously: 'We don't make any money from you. You're just immigrants.' "

Milly Charon hopes her book will help dissipate that sort of "blind, unreasoning prejudice against displaced persons." She discovered that immigrants in a cultural transition are forced to be so accommodating that they tend to eface themselves.

"They have to bend over backwards to be nice to everybody, even to those who insult them," she says. "Some become passive, some become angry with pent-up frustrations.

"Some of the stories told me by immigrants I interviewed for this book evoked such painful memories that the subjects broke down and cried. I must confess I cried with them. But it established a strong rapport. We understood one another, despite the language barrier."

She is already compiling immigrant interviews and personal testimonials for a second book "in celebration of our diversity." Those who wish to contribute a meaningful story about their experiences are invited to write to her at 7481 Ostell Cresc., Montreal H4P 1Y7.

Karen Kain to play princess

Nureyev to return in Beauty

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

Rudolf Nureyev will return to the National Ballet of Canada for the first time in seven years to dance in four of the seven performances of his spectacular production of The Sleeping Beauty.

The ballet, which climaxes the spring season, opens Wednesday, May 9, with Karen Kain in the role of Princess Aurora partnered by Nureyev as the Prince. They will dance the roles Friday evening, and again on Sunday, May 13, this time in New York at the Metropolitan Opera Gala which concludes the Met's centenary celebrations.

Veronica Tennant will dance Aurora with Nureyev on Thursday and Saturday evenings, and with Frank Augustyn at the Sunday matinee.

The Sleeping Beauty has been a key work for both Nureyev and the National. In 1961, the 23-year-old artist dazzled Paris audiences with the technical and emotional range he brought to the role of the Prince — and captured news as well as dance headlines with his spring into the arms of the Paris police after deciding to defect from the Leningrad Ballet.

It was his opulent production, with Nureyev himself in the star role, which introduced the National to New York audiences at the Metropolitan Opera House in 1973.

Giselle, which begins the 3-week spring season, features debuts by Marco Pierin, dancing opposite Veronica Tennant, on opening night, Wednesday, April 25, and by Kim Lightheart at the April 26 matinee.

Evelyn Hart, star of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, will dance Giselle on April 27 and 29 with Frank Augustyn, and will then make her debut in La Bayadere — the Kingdom of the Shades Act II, during the second week of performance.

This year, the National, under the artistic direction of Erik Bruhn, has displayed a willingness to take chances on new ballets and new dancers.

While the spring season has nothing as dramatic as February's performance of Danny Grossman's Endangered Species, the program of 1-act ballets which runs from May 2 through 6 includes the Canadian premiere of La Bayadere, staged by prima ballerina Natalia Makarova, the return of Glen Tetley's Sphinx, and the world premiere Oiseaux Exotiques, by the National's resident choreographer, Constantin Patsalas.

Canadian composer Harry Freedman has composed and orchestrated the music as a suite of dances combining three distinctive forms of South American Creole folk art and culture — African, Indian and Spanish. The sets and costumes have been designed by Desmond Heeley.

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Baycrest experience gave her boost

Artist realizes dream with handmade Judaica shop

By
RONA ARATO

TORONTO —

When Dorion Liebgott opened Dorion Fine Judaica recently, her goal was to bring together a wide variety of quality Judaic art and handcrafts under one roof. In this, she has succeeded admirably for a visit to Dorion's is a trip into a microcosm of world Judaica.

Here, in the brightly lit, cheerful ambience Liebgott has created to show off her collection, you'll find delicate handblown Israeli glass, displayed side by side with brightly colored wall hangings, silver Chanukah lamps, intricately carved wooden spice boxes and a wide variety of hand painted challah and matzoh covers, unusual pieces of jewelry and a selection of ceramic ceremonial objects.

Liebgott has always been involved in the Toronto arts scene and for the past few years has concentrated her efforts on Judaica. Born in Coventry, England, she moved to Toronto with her family in 1956 and immediately began to study art. She went from Northview Collegiate to the Ontario College of Art where she majored in drawing and painting.

In 1968, Liebgott married her husband Bernie, a professor of anatomy at the University of London. The couple have two girls, Rachel 14, and Joanna 11.

After several jobs as a crafts resource person, Liebgott started working for Baycrest in 1968 and was responsible for implementing the arts and crafts program in the Home.

"That was excellent experience for designing this store," said Liebgott. "They'd never had a craft program before and I did everything, from organizing the activities to specifying shelves and cabinets."

Opening a store to specialize in hand-made Judaica has been a longtime dream of Liebgott's. "When I worked at Baycrest, there was a shop attached to the centre and I enjoyed being involved with it. I realized that I have the ability to inspire others to appreciate the beauty in objects I love and to get them to love these works too."

Liebgott's enthusiasm fired the imagination of Ed Friedberg, a dentist who is a long-standing family friend. Together, they conceived the idea of the store and Liebgott set out to collect the objects d'art that fill the walls and shelves of their shop.

She is the buying partner, the one who goes out and meets the artists, bringing back new treasures with the delight of a child returning from a spring meadow, her arms laden with delicate blossoms.

Quality pieces

Friedberg is the thinking partner, a friend, and the two spend hours discussing and evaluating Liebgott's finds.

A major prerequisite was to have stock in a range of prices suitable to every pocketbook. In addition to lovely heirloom, quality pieces, Liebgott has brought in a wide variety of objects ranging from handknit sweaters with personalized Hebrew names, to kippot, hand-painted silk matzoh and challah covers, ceramic menorahs and a good selection of jewelry.

"The only specification," said Liebgott, "is that the object is hand crafted, Jewish in content, and I like it."

Liebgott is especially proud of her connection with local artists and craftspeople through her membership in the Pomegranate Guild, a crafts organization that began several years ago to promote Judaic crafts. Many of the members of the guild will be exhibitors at Dorion's.

Some, such as Suzanne Miller, Temma Gentles, Sharon Binder and Marlene Lesley are known for the fine handcrafts they've been producing to grace Toronto homes for years. Others are new artisans, happy to have this beautiful new outlet to highlight their work.

On a recent trip to Israel, Liebgott met with Israeli craftsmen and brought back a collection of unique pieces. "Look at the craftsmanship," she said, holding out an intricately carved spice box by Catriel of Jerusalem and an exotic necklace of silver and ancient Roman glass by Uri Ramot, also of Jerusalem.

Liebgott has also brought in works by Vancouver artists, is in contact with craftsmen in New York and Cleveland and plans to extend her network to other parts of Canada and the United States.

Dorion's Fine Judaica [875 Eglinton Ave. W.] opened March 19 and Liebgott is delighted that the works of art that she loves will be available in time to add a special touch to seder tables all over the city.

Dorion Liebgott holds a Meira Una Delft-style seder plate from Jerusalem. [Graphic Artists photo]

North York seeks artists' book input

TORONTO —

The North York Arts Council is putting together a comprehensive directory of North York artists and is asking members of the artistic community to participate.

The listing, open to anyone living or working in North York, will include visual, performing (music, dance, theatre)/ and literary arts and crafts.

Artists are asked to fill out a survey form and return it to the arts council.

The directory will be used as a networking resource for the community, enabling students or patrons to locate teachers or performers, and artists to reach other artists.

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Group formed to help Jews moving to Israel

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO — Chug Aliyah, formed three months ago, is the first local group for Orthodox Jews intending to move to Israel.

"We want to establish a link for religious Jews to make the transition from Diaspora to Israel more comfortable and smoother," says Rabbi Moshe Bomzer, spiritual leader of Young Israel of Toronto-Shaarei Zion. "Members can come from any religious organization but must have the intention of going on aliya within the next three years."

Bomzer is one of the organizers of Chug Aliyah, together with Sandy Honigsberg, Sarah Kruger, Michael Levenstein, and Jeff Weiss.

Speakers who addressed the group at its first three meetings included Yitzchak Tevet, international director of Tehilla — The Union of Volunteers for Religious Aliyah, and Rabbi Moshe Levinger, dean and leader of Yeshivat Kiryat Arba and a leader of Gush Emunim, the movement which promotes settlement by religious Jews in the West Bank.

The most recent meeting featured a panel discussion on Israel's economic development led by Lipa Mayer, a practicing Israeli lawyer who is completing his PhD in law at the University of Toronto, Bar-Ilan law lecturer Dr. Sinai Deutsch, now on sabbatical at the University of Toronto, and Samuel Messenberg, representative of the United Mizrachi Bank in Toronto.

Future meetings will be held once a month and will explore practical information on careers in Israel.

The Tehilla movement, patterned after a post-Yom Kippur War effort by the religious youth movement, B'nei Akiva, to encourage aliya among its Diaspora members, was formed about three years ago.

Its main thrust, says Bomzer, is "to set up preparatory programs in cities across North America to generate excitement and information, and then to help religious individuals with the process of finding housing, education and careers."

Tehilla sponsors regional chugim and shabbatonim and seminars on topics of importance for potential olim. As well, it runs pilot trips to Israel, which is jointly sponsored by the Israel Aliyah Centre and serviced by Tour Ve'aleh.

There is also a general tour for both religious and non-religious Jews with a minimum stay of two weeks and a maximum stay of six months. [Call Harry Wolle at the Israel Aliyah Centre, 665-7722 for information.]

Tehilla's pilot tour is strictly for devout Jews and is sponsored by the World Zionist Organization department of immigration. Private or group trips are available and further information can be obtained from Wolle or B'nei Akiva shaliach David Kab (222-5799).

World in Hebrew

By JOSEPH KLINGER

עובדתון: מכון קרן התרבות כרטיס האשראי של ישראל:
הבנק העולמי נותן הלוואות למדינות מתפתחות, אך ישראל אינה יכולה לקבל הלוואות מבנק זה שכן אינה מובדרת כמדינה "עניה". תקרת ההכנסה הלאומית לנפש בישראל כפולה מזו המזכה בקבלת הלוואות (כ-2,500 דולאר לשנה). ל-עומת זאת יש לישראל "כרטיס אשראי" לקרן המטבע הבינ-לאומית. הקרן מסייעת באשראי לפהרון בעיות כלכליות זמניות של המדינות החברות בה.

מוצר יצוא חדש: בוץ מים המלח:
משלוחים נסיוניים של בוץ ים-המלח בהיקף של כמה עשרות אלפי דולארים נשלחו לאחרונה ממפעל "מוצרי בריאות ים-המלח" של קיבוץ עין גדי לארה"ב, גרמניה והולנד. לדעת גיאולוגים שבדקו את איזור ים-המלח, יש בימה כמה עשרות אלפי טונות של בוץ מינרלי. עיקרו של הבוץ מורכב מחרסית שלה תכונה לפיה היא מסוגלת לשמר חום ולשחררו באיטיות על הגוף. אחת המעבדות ה-קוסמטיות הגדולות בארה"ב קבעה, כי בוץ המכיל את ה-חומרים המינרליים השונים, יש לאחר עיבוד תכונות קוסמטיות מובהקות בעיקר כ"קלנסר" (לניקוי הפנים). נקבע, כי הבוץ של ים המלח הוא הטוב ביותר הידוע עד עתה בשוק.

עידן הרובוטיקה בישראל:
עידן הרובוטיקה שהחל בשנים האחרונות בארצות התעשייה המפותחות הגיע עתה לישראל. בארץ החלו לעסוק בנושא הרובוטיקה לפני זמן לא רב וכמה תעשיות מתקדמות, כגון התעשייה הצבאית, עוסקות בפיתוח רובוטים תעשייתיים. עתה הקים איגוד התעשייה הקיבוצית, בשיתוף עם לשכת המדען הראשי במשרד התעשייה את המרכז הישראלי לרובוטיקה תעשייתית. זהו מרכז ראשון מסוגו בראץ, ומטרתו להחדיר את התודעה של רובוטיקה ו-אוטומציה גמישה למפעלים הקיבוציים. הוא עומד לרשות כלל התעשייה הישראלית, ובמיוחד לרשות המפעלים הקיבוציים. בנוסף לכך, מתכנן ומבצע ה-מרכז סקרים טכניים והנדסים במפעלים ובודק את הצורך והאפשרות להכנסת רובוטיקה ואוטומציה גמישה. מטרות ה-מרכז הן: לשמש להכשרת צוותים ואנשי מקצוע מהתעשייה הקיבוצית ומכלל התעשייה בארץ בנושאי אוטומציה גמישה ורובוטיקה ויישומם בתעשייה. המרכז גם מכשיר אנשי מקצוע ברמות שונות.

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Slice through smog and LA can be cultural delight

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

LOS ANGELES —
This California capital of smog and movies has a valued and varied collection of cultural attractions. Here you will be able to see and tour not only movie studios, but also the largest art museum on the Pacific coast, beautiful gardens and one of the finest natural history museums on the continent.

The Music Centre of Los Angeles County marks its 20th anniversary this year. In one of its buildings, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, the annual Oscar awards of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts are held each year, and the Los Angeles Philharmonic performs in winter; in summer at the Hollywood Bowl.

The Music Centre is located in the heart of downtown and in its various buildings has a choral group, ballet, opera association, and theatrical productions. There are free guided tours.

The Los Angeles County Museum of Art has in its almost 20 years become one of the major art galleries of the world, with American and European paintings, sculptures, decorative arts, textiles, costumes, pre-Columbian art from Peru and Mexico, and a large Oriental collection. Its collection of mosaics is said to be unrivaled outside the Leningrad Hermitage Museum.

The museum is at 5905 Wilshire Blvd., open daily except Mondays, U.S.$1.50 for adults, half price for seniors, children and students, free second Tuesdays each month.

The new Los Angeles Mall is located in downtown LA, where many of the cultural attractions are located.

South Coast Botanic Garden, at 26300 Crenshaw Blvd., Palos Verdes Peninsula, is on the site of sanitary landfill. You can stroll along the banks of a man-made lake teeming with waterfowl. It is a wild bird sanctuary that attracts some 200 bird species, with landscaped gardens and fruit orchards from Australia, South Africa and Mediterranean areas.

It is open daily, admission U.S.$1.50 adults, half price for seniors, students and children, free third Tuesday each month.

Plants of the world are to be seen at the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum at 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Acadia. Here are 2,000 species of orchids, plantings from around the world arranged by continents of origin and a number of old California homes from early Indian dwellings through Spanish adobe houses to Victorian homes.

Some 200 peacocks majestically roam the grounds.

The Arboretum is open daily, free third Tuesday each month, adult admission U.S.$1.50 with half-price for seniors and youngsters.

The Descanso Gardens at 1418 Descanso Drive, with hours and admission as for the Arboretum, is on a 165-acre retreat which has more than 600 species of camellia, some of which grow to a height of 20 feet. There are California Live Oak trees, a large collection of roses, a native California plant garden and a lilac grove.

One of Los Angeles' most famous attractions is the La Brea Tar Pits with its George C. Page Museum. Here have been found nearly 400 species of mammals, birds, reptiles and fishes, whose bones have been recovered from the pools of sticky asphalt which trapped them thousands of years ago during the Ice Age.

The museum has a 15-minute slide presentation every day before you take a tour of the fossils and reconstructed animal skeletons. The George C. Page Museum is at 5801 Wilshire Blvd., open daily except Mondays, free second Tuesday of each month, with adult admissions other days U.S.$1.50, and seniors, children and students at half price.

For a 1984 brochure with many details on these attractions, contact County of Los Angeles, 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal. 90007, U.S.A.

There are many other attractions in this sprawling city, including movie studios, the moored former British ocean liner Queen Mary, Marineland, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Griffith Park [said to be the largest municipal park in the U.S.], and the Farmers Market.

Bar mitzvah trade to Israel keeps Toronto agent happy

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
Ron Fein is counting his blessings currently about his great bar mitzvah trade to Israel.

In the last three years, he figures he has organized 90 bar or bat mitzvah travel tours to the Holy Land. And already he has 13 of them lined up for this summer.

Fein, 42, is the cultural-minded former Forest Hill Collegiate teacher and Centennial College professor who eight years ago left the academic world to enter what he terms "the happy-time field of fulfilling people's dreams in the travel business."

He now has a staff of 20 working for him at Corson Travel, 491 Eglinton Ave. W. and 980 Yonge St. (482-2440).

And he says his Israel bar and bat mitzvah trade has never been better, with trips arranged for groups that range from three to 40 vacationers.

A 2-week tour costs from $1,600 to $2,500 Canadian per person, including return fare, hotel accommodations and meals, sightseeing tours and a personable, 29-year-old Israeli rabbi who speaks English to perform the ceremony.

The ceremony may be conducted at the Western Wall, Masada, or at an Orthodox, Conservative or Reform synagogue including the celebrating dinner.

Why is his Israel bar mitzvah trade booming nowadays?

Fein lists six reasons:

• "The cost of running a simcha for one evening in Toronto is about the equivalent to what a family of four would pay for one of my 2-week trips to Israel," he says.

• An increasing number of bookings come from single parent families. "The parents have split," he says, "and to avoid friction over whose family is to attend, it's more convenient for the parent who has custody of the child to have a hassle-free ceremony in the Holy Land."

• He has found a growing trend to have either the oldest or youngest child celebrate the ritual overseas.

"With the oldest, it's the novelty of the occasion," he says. "If it's the youngest, the parents feel they have fulfilled all the obligations of having friends and relatives attend. Now they feel it's time for just the immediate family to combine a vacation with the simcha."

• More families have become aware of the benefits of celebrating the occasion in Israel, as a result of the free seminars on the Israeli tours that Fein has been conducting each fall for four years at Inn on the Park. "More than 90 would-be participants turned up at our last one in September," he says.

• He gets a great many bookings from Americans in Clevelend and Buffalo who wish to take advantage of the dropping value of the Canadian dollar.

• Finally, the youngsters themselves, who have had their curiosity about Israel whetted at parochial school, have been making the decision to go.

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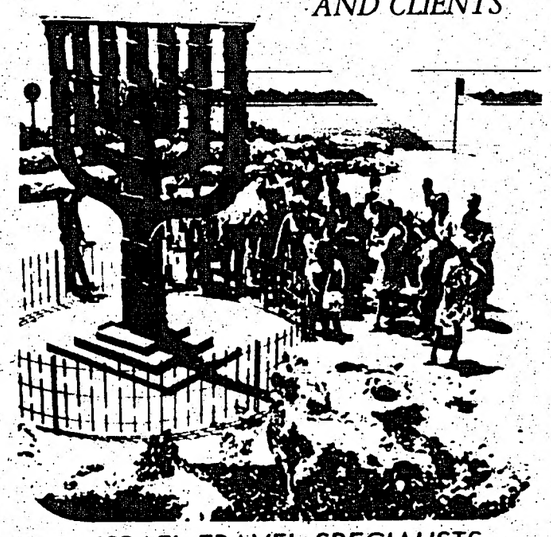

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Travel

Killington offers spectacular ride

Vermont's French name fits image

By
LEWIS LEVENDEL

KILLINGTON, Vt. — **The mountains of Vermont not only serve up some of the finest ski hills in North America, but from spring to autumn offer visitors a verdant paradise.**

Killington, nestled in the Green Mountains in the centre of the state, proves to be a happy holiday location with its many nearby fascinating attractions.

If one can be quite selective about the time of the year to visit, try to choose late September-early October for fall colors. Many knowledgeable observers of autumn foliage say Vermont colors rate above those to be found in the Muskokas, Haliburton and the Laurentians.

The scenic aerial trip by gondola (longest in North America) to the top of Killington Peak surpasses similar such rides to be found on this continent, and many in Europe. The 3½-mile journey up the 4,241-foot mountain presents at times marvelous panoramic views of not only Vermont, but parts of New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Quebec.

In addition to the gondola ride, there's a chairlift up the mountain.

In 1763 at the summit of Killington, Vermont received its name when Rev. Samuel Peters called it "Verd Mont" — French for "green mountain." At the summit today are a restaurant and cocktail lounge, and above them, a cocktail lounge.

If you wish to explore the mountain top as well as gain different perspectives on the scenery below, try the set trails. Pick up a pamphlet outlining an interpretative walk of the nature trail.

Another first-rate attraction of the Killington area is the turn-of-the-century restored village surrounding President Coolidge's birthplace in Plymouth. This is where the colorless 30th U.S. president was born, raised and buried.

Coolidge was sworn in as president by his father, a notary public, in 1923 in the front room of the family house. He had been vacationing here when word came of the death of President Harding.

The village includes a visitors' centre with an excellent exhibit of pictures and artifacts of the President. Also on view are a farmers' museum, an 1860s general store, an 1890 cheese factory operated today by Coolidge's son, John, and other family homes.

If it's good quality shops you're after along with stately colonial-style homes and the original Holiday Inn [the setting of the Bing Crosby movie], spend a few hours in Woodstock. With its lovely homes, covered bridge and trendy shops, the town seems to be overrun with tourists.

A few minutes away by car, you can visit Quechee Gorge, or "The Little Grand Canyon," a mile-long chasm carved by the Ottauquechee River flowing 163 feet below a highway bridge. There are some stores, carts with fresh fruit and vegetables and scenic trails available for visitors.

For a superb day trip from Killington, try heading north to Shelburne Museum and Heritage Park, open from mid-May to October. It's a superb collection of Americana from paintings (old masters and modern) and historic restored homes to toys and dolls.

Visitors seem to especially enjoy antique furniture in period room settings, old farm implements and tools, and vehicles from sleighs and steam locomotives to a steam paddlewheeler, S.S. Ticonderoga.

When one thinks of Vermont, maple sugaring is one of the first things that comes to mind. You can get good prices on maple products, as well as visit a couple of processing plants with exhibits, restaurants and gift stores with quality crafts. The most popular maple sugar operations are at Merdon and Pittsfield.

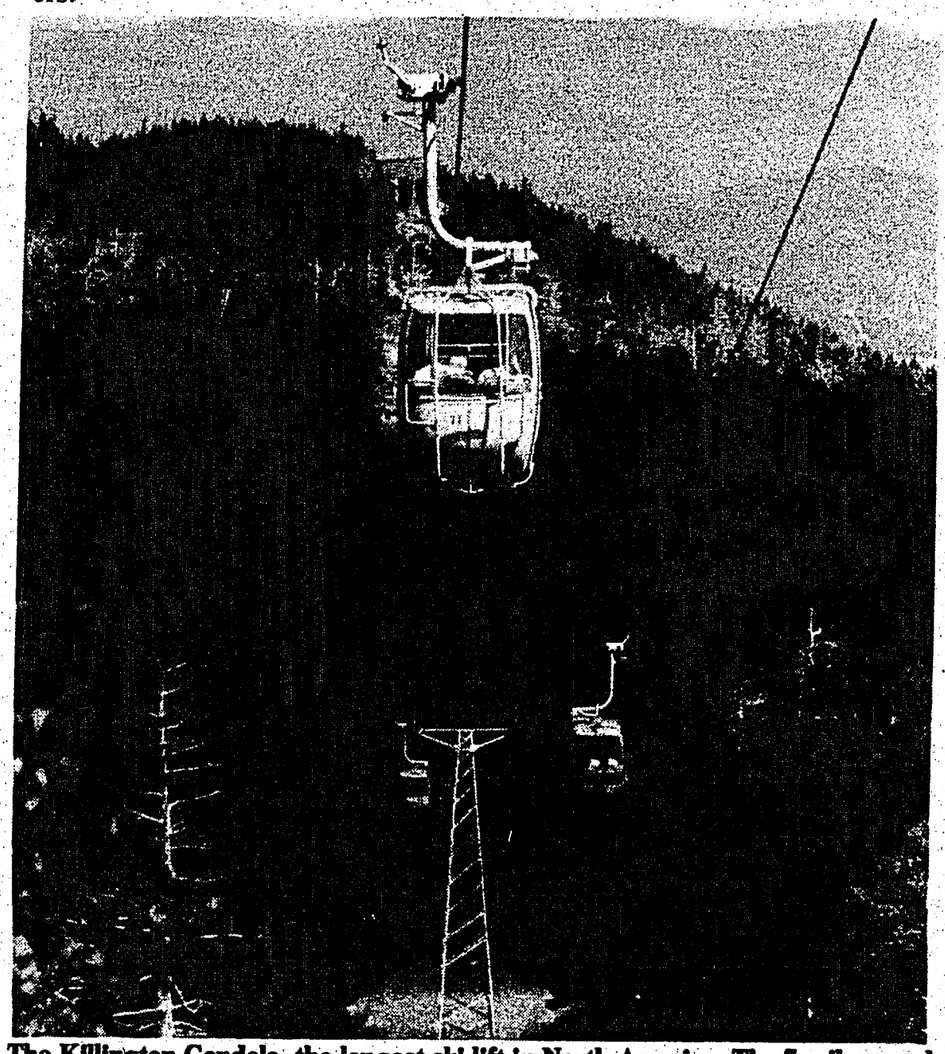
Marble is another major product of central Vermont. You can view the pits, the factory and an exhibition of sculptures at the Vermont Marble Company production centre at Proctor. Naturally, there's a large shop of marble gifts.

As for accommodation, there's a good selection of luxury resorts and small country inns, as well as chalets and motels for vacationers.

The Villager Resort in the green mountains of Killington offers 96 cozy units, many with fireplaces, in eight buildings in a wooded setting. In the summer, the famous ski resort serves up a recreational feast with swimming pools, tennis and golf. In July and August, a summer playhouse features various musicals.

A joy of driving and cycling along Vermont highways and roads is the absence of billboards. And the overall cleanliness of Vermont stands out among American states.

For more information about central Vermont attractions and the peak fall foliage, check the U.S. Travel office in Toronto, or the state tourist bureau in Montreal.



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Publisher started first synagogue

Community flourishes in Palm Beach

By
TAMMY KAROL

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. —

One of Palm Beach County's Jewish pioneers is a 95-year-old New Jersey man by the name of Sam Shutzer.

Although Shutzer was unwelcome to Palm Beach as a Jew when he arrived 60 years ago, he was determined to start a Jewish community here.

Shutzer was publisher of Palm Beach County's first Jewish newspaper, Our Voice, and was the first representative of the UJA in the area.

He also started the first synagogue in Stuart (North Palm Beach County) and helped found many facilities for the Palm Beaches' Jewish senior citizens.

The elderly Jewish community in the county is centred in two complexes, Century Village on N. Haverhill Dr. in West Palm, and Kings Point on Atlantic Ave. in North Delray Beach.

Big news for seniors

The big news for seniors is the opening this September of a residential apartment/hotel at the site of the Holiday Inn on 100 Datura St., in downtown West Palm.

Hotel owner Andy Frogel, a 32-year-old Jewish New Yorker who has been manager of Holiday Inns in Florida for many years, was recently approached by a non-sectarian group to turn his site into a residential/apartment hotel.

But he decided there was no other place in the Palm Beaches serving the Jewish retired elderly market and has geared his operation for the community's elderly.

Construction will begin in May and $350,000 is slated for what Frogel refers to as "cosmetic upgrading."

Frogel says he will sell 3-, 6- and 12-month leases to people who want to stay at his complex. Shorter leases may be available in the future but Frogel stresses he's not interested in transient business.

He estimates a 12-month lease for single occupancy will be between $1,200-$1,400 U.S. a month and will include kosher meals, social and recreational activities [there will be a social worker and an activities director on staff], and free transportation to malls and other sites.

Frogel is planning to have a strictly kosher kitchen and is negotiating with the Palm Beach Rabbinical Council to oversee the kitchen and provide a rabbi to oversee food operations and conduct religious services.

He also wants to hire a kosher chef and intends to get a nutritionist on staff to help prepare special dietary meals.

The new facility will include a guest room, a supervised activities room to double as a theatre, a library, a card room and an in-house shul.

For more information call (305) 655-8800.

Palm Beach County also has a Century Kosher Market in West Palm [Haverhill and Okeechobee Dr.] and the Oriole Kosher Market in Delray with two rabbis, Jonah Kahn and Abraham Sapra on the premises.

The Century Kosher Market is operated by Bronx native Ira Feder and is under Orthodox supervision with a resident mashgiach.

Across the street at the Publix supermarket there's a large kosher/Jewish food area with a large line of Empire frozen foods and Entenmanns bakery products.

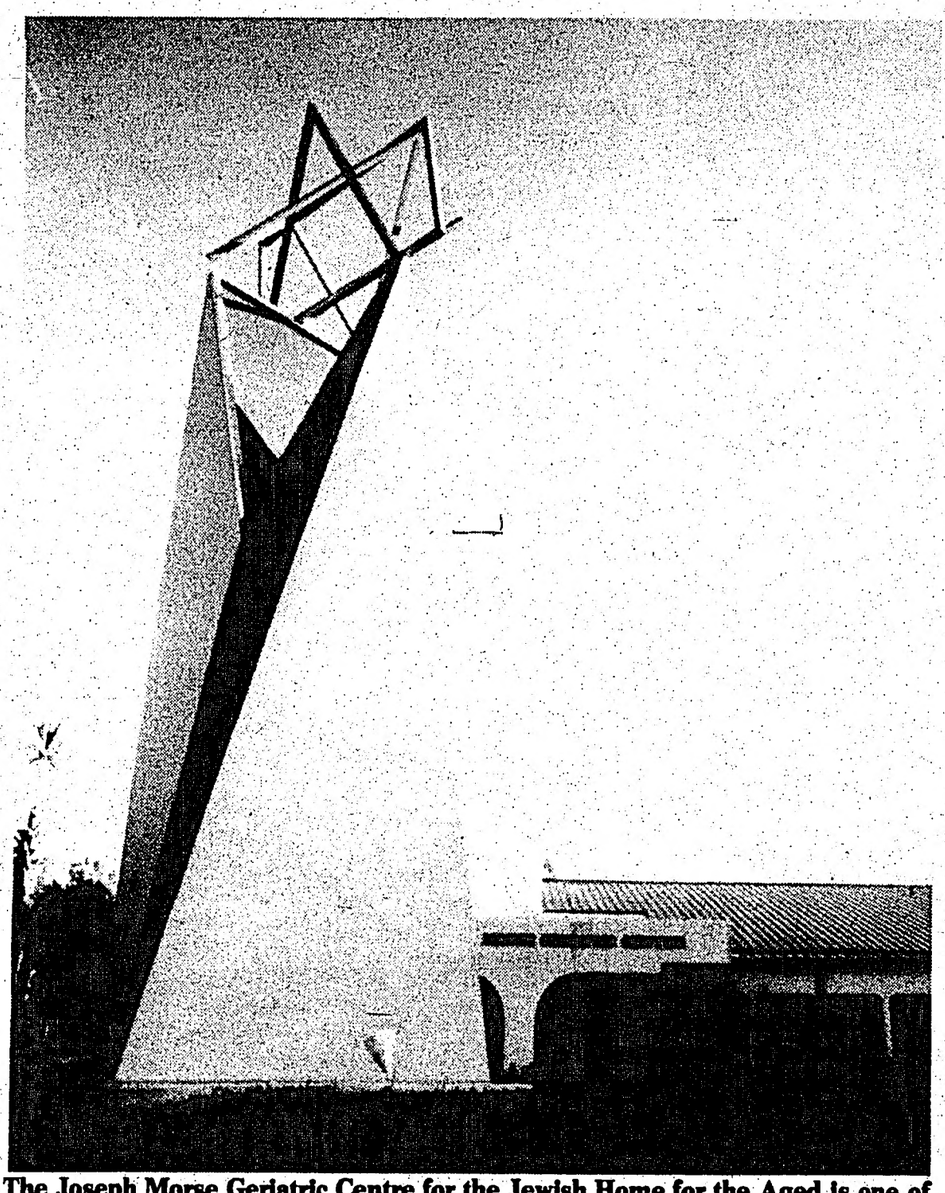
In South Palm Beach County, a strictly kosher restaurant known as Zion Kosher Restaurant operates in Deerfield Beach (30 minutes from West Palm), and in Delray there's a strictly kosher restaurant called The Fiddlers.

In addition, the Oriole Kosher Market in Delray has a completely closed off dairy restaurant.

Two kosher bakeries also operate in South Palm Beach County, Palmetto Bakery and Heshy's Bakery in Boca Raton.

The Jewish community also has its own Country Club of the Palm Beaches.

Culturally, there's also the Temple Israel Library of Judaica at 1901 N. Flagler Dr. in West Palm.



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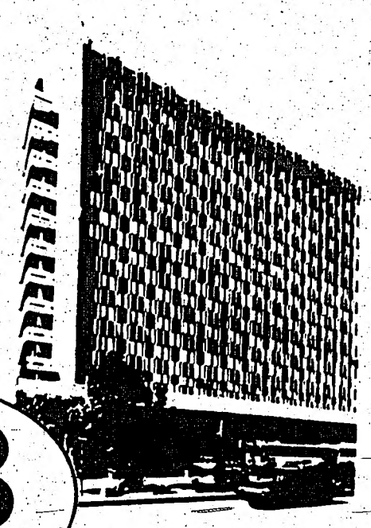
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"Recognition unthinkable," House members say

IOC urged to reject any Olympic bid from PLO

sports scene

By GARY COHEN

In a letter signed by 54 members of the U.S. House of Representatives, the International Olympic Committee has been urged to reject any application by the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

Declaring that PLO recognition by the IOC "would be morally repugnant and inconsistent with the International Olympic Committee's charter," the letter, released last week in Washington, stated: "The PLO represents neither a geographical area nor the Palestinian people.

"We think that recognition of the PLO by the IOC would be unthinkable in light of the massacre of Israeli athletes in the 1972 Munich Games by an affiliate of the PLO," said the letter to IOC chairman Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Eleven Israeli athletes were killed in the Munich terrorist attack carried out by the Black September faction of the PLO.

"To confer IOC recognition on the PLO would signal to the athletes around the world that the IOC has forgiven the PLO for its terrorist attacks and for its cowardly and vicious attack only 12 years ago," the letter concluded.

Bill Andresen, an assistant to Rep. Mel Levine of California, the House member who initiated the letter, said that the California congressman was "very upset" following media reports that the PLO was seeking to file a formal application with the IOC for participation in the summer Games.

The head of the PLO's sports and youth organization, Ahmed Khoudoua, was quoted last month as saying that the PLO's intention is to enable the participation of a Palestinian team through sports organizations that already recognize the PLO.

A team representing "Palestine" was allowed to participate last August in the Helsinki track and field championships. A qualification for IOC membership is recognition by five different and independent international sports federations, a qualification which Andresen said the PLO has met.

While the Olympic charter does not make specific reference to the need that a team represents a nation state, it does require the name of any national committee to reflect the territorial extent and tradition of that country, Andresen said.

Peter Ueberroth, president of the Los Angeles Olympic organizing committee, told reporters last month that "there would not be a PLO team at the 1984 Olympic Games."

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Another group of B'nai B'rith hockey league players can begin packing their skates and taking the golf clubs out of mothballs as last week's playoff action eliminated everyone but the finalists in all four divisions.

In a surprising A Division upset, Neil Goldenberg's goal with 45 seconds left in regulation time lifted Toronto Freedom Lodge Team Mates to a 4-3 win over the favored Toronto Freedom Lodge Whalers.

The victory allowed Team Mates to advance to the best-of-three divisional finals against the other semi-final winners Forrestdale Big Steel Man. Brad Robins scored the eventual winner as Forrestdale downed the feisty Canyon Brokers 4-2 to gain the other final berth.

In BI Division semi-final play, Maccabiah Red Wings got perfect goaltending from Steve Rosen to blank Toronto Freedom Lodge Realtors 3-0. They advance to the championship round to play Leonard Mayzel Black Hawks — winners two weeks ago over Toronto Freedom Lodge Feathers.

In the BII Division championship round opener, Forrestdale Flyers outgunned Upper Canada Bruins 7-4 to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three series. Allan Sacks, a late-season addition to the Forrestdale squad, sparked Flyers with three goals and an assist. Neil Goldberg netted a pair and added an assist in support.

Earl Klein was Bruins' bright light with two goals and an assist in the game.

In C Division semi-final match-ups, David Kershner had three goals and Peter Heisz added a pair to lead Toronto Freedom Minors past Toronto Freedom Plumbers 6-1.

Minors will advance to meet Forrestdale Blades in the final. Jeff Cohen scored three times and Brian Weinman added a pair and assisted on another as Blades eliminated Don Mills Princes from post-season play with a 7-2 semi-final win to earn the other final berth.

The playoffs continue at Chesswood Arena beginning at 9 a.m. this coming Sunday. Spectators are welcome.

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Former Soviet national boxing team coach Boris Gitman recently returned to Toronto tanned and excited about his 2-week trip to Jamaica where he had an opportunity to work with and observe a number of that country's top boxers.

Gitman's work at the Driftwood Boxing Club brought about the offer to head south. Three of his Jamaican-born charges at the club were given the chance to try out for that nation's Olympic boxing team and Gitman, who currently works and teaches at the Jewish Community Centre, was invited down for the trip.

The mixture of business and pleasure turned out well, too. Gitman was given an open invitation to return to Jamaica and work with their team and, as well, one of his boxers, 21-year-old Dwight Foster, became welterweight champion at the meet and has been promised a spot on the Jamaican Olympic squad.

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Just a reminder that the 3-day Spitfire Challenge wheelchair basketball tournament, featuring the world champion Israeli National Wheelchair Basketball team, takes place at the Etobicoke Olympium on April 20-22.

The Israeli team (incorrectly identified as the Spitfires in an earlier Sports Scene column) will face the Toronto-based Spirfires and 22 other clubs representing cities from across Canada and the United States at the tourney.

Also, an exhibition game by the Israeli team has been tentatively scheduled for the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre on April 24.

Harvey Rosen, president of Rosen Dairy Products and a vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada has undertaken, with the assistance of BB, to raise the $20,000 required to bring the Israeli team to Canada.

Those wishing to make a tax-deductible donation to help bring the team to the Challenge should make checks payable to the B'nai B'rith Foundation, 15 Hove St., Downsview, Ont. M3H 4Y8 or call Rosen at 278-6455.

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Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Centre will be the beneficiary of an East vs. West basketball tournament being staged by the iron and metal industry of Ontario in the main gym of the north branch Jewish Community Centre on Saturday, April 28.

David Marx, organizer of the event which gets under way at 7 p.m., has promised a great evening for all, including an exciting game, buffet dinner and prize presentations — all for $10 per person.

The East will be represented by players from Toronto and the West by hoopsters from Hamilton and surrounding communities. Teams will be composed of men and women from the staffs of Central Machinery and Metals, House of Metals, Aluminum Reduction, Metals and Alloys Inc., Waxman Metals Group, Ingot Metal Co., United Steel, Intermetco and Morris Lax Scrap Metals.

Marx expects a large industry turnout, but also extends an invitation to the public. For information, contact David Marx at Central Machinery and Metals, 749-7272.

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A Jewish curling rink co-skipped by Torontonians Harold Kelman and Stephen Farber recently won the Toronto Construction Association Series A Championship title.

Kelman and Farber, both of whom used to skip individually in the old B'nai B'rith curling league, were joined by rink members Jeff Layton and Curtis McQuire as they upset Jim Glover's rink by an 8-7 score in the title match to lay claim to the Devon Masonry Trophy as league champs.

The TCA is the city's largest organized curling league.

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Lizzie's Old Boys, a non-profit community sports promotion group that sprang out of the now defunct Elizabeth Playground, will be holding a reunion at the Cambridge Motor Hotel on Dixon Road on April 25.

The reunion organizers are hoping to attract about 200 of the old crowd for cocktails and dinner starting at 6 p.m.

For tickets or more information about the reunion, contact Sol Tenenbaum at 651-0842 or Paul (Pinny) Poteck at 223-0892.

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The Brooks Spring Run Off 8 kilometre (5 mile) road race on Saturday, April 28, will add a new dimension to the concept of quick service with a silly smile.

The race, which goes from Toronto's High Park at 10 a.m., features both elite Canadian distance runners — Canadian champions Peter Butler, Paul Williams, Nancy Rooks and David Edge have all participated in the past — and run-for-fun joggers.

While both of these rather sane groups are returning there will be a new addition to the race this year. The black tie running waiter division [no kidding] will add a touch of the ludicrous to this popular event.

Tuxedo-clad waiters will attempt to complete the hilly circuit around High Park while carrying an open bottle of Perrier on a serving tray.

Entry fee for the run is $8 before April 19, $15 after April 19, and includes a Brooks running singlet.

Entry forms are available at all running shops and fitness clubs in the Toronto area or by calling (416) 746-3022.

Wonder if there are going to be any restaurateurs scouting in the audience?

Check please.

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Several weeks ago this column correctly noted that tennis player Ben Testerman of Knoxville, Tenn. scored several major upsets at the U.S. Pro Indoor Championships in Philadelphia.

What was not reported, but obviously implied, was that Testerman is Jewish.

Thanks, though, to the always observant and diligent Bud Bloch, sports editor of the Richmond Jewish News in Virginia, Sports Scene finds that we implied in error. Testerman, in fact, is not only not Jewish — he is a recently avowed born-again Christian.

Which just goes to show, to mis-paraphrase the immortal Bard, that a Rosenbloom by the same name is not always still a Rosenbloom.

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ExploraCamp for gifted children

Campers have fun learning variety of subjects

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —
For most kids summer camp revolves around sports, cookouts and outdoor fun. For campers of ExploraCamp 84, however, camp has a completely different meaning. It's a place for learning, investigation and exploration on all levels.

ExploraCamp 84 is available for "bright and gifted children" ages 7-12 during the month of July. The program "enables campers to investigate a wide variety of relevant issues while having a fun-filled experience at summer camp," say camp officials.

"ExploraCamp is the place where gifted campers can express themselves on a wide range of complex subjects," says Brenda Pinder, 30, who is the camp director and a special education instructor.

"All activities have been specifically designed to utilize the unique thinking and problem solving abilities bright and gifted children possess," added Pinder, who founded the camp in 1981.

"Mentors" or workshop leaders will conduct in-depth seminars on such diverse subjects as computers, technology, science, the arts, communications, gourmet cooking, culture, medicine, business, filmmaking and editing, self defense, calligraphy and graphic arts.

Brenda Pinder, left, director of ExploraCamp with Elizabeth St. Jean, centre, and Karen Clarkson, both staff members.

"Our goal is to promote cooperation among children while preparing them for the future," said Pinder in a recent interview with The CJN. "We don't want to encourage specialization and competition, but rather, perpetuate the renaissance ideal whereby children are exposed to many, many new experiences.

"We are not encouraging segregation, but congregation. These children enjoy expressing themselves as intelligent, young people and should not be considered elitist," she stressed.

"For too long people have negated the personal preference of the gifted. These children always ask questions based upon knowledge on such subjects as medicine, dinosaurs and astronomy. Most teachers (who are not gifted themselves) do not like their role as 'giver of knowledge' challenged. They simply don't know how to deal with them."

As a result, Pinder said, gifted children realize their teachers don't accept them and they withdraw. It can also be exasperating for parents who are continually flooded with a storm of complex questions even they don't comprehend, she stated.

For these children, their curiosity is never satiated, said the camp director, who operates a remedial communication development program during the school year. "They are always using higher levels of thinking."

For these campers, lunchtime is not merely for eating but a time to debate politics, economics and philosophical questions. Special events include visits to the Japanese Cultural Centre, the Royal Ontario Museum to evaluate specific scientific processes, or meet with an RCMP officer who has them solving the latest crimes.

ExploraCamp also features non-competitive games, sports, recreational swimming with instruction on request and library visits.

According to Pinder, staff qualifications include creativity, ideas, willingness to accept these children for what they are and support of their intelligence.

If staff selection is difficult, so is the selection of the campers.

Only after a series of telephone interviews, teacher evaluations and an interview with both the child and parents, is the camper considered. And only 40 campers in all are selected.

"The mix of campers is great with some children coming from affluent Chinese, Korean, Jewish and East Indian backgrounds. Even though most live in Metro, especially North York, some come from as far away as Vancouver, Port Perry and Windsor," she said.

The camp site is at the North York Memorial Hall, 5090 Yonge St., with camp hours Monday to Friday from 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Session I runs from July 2 to 13, session II from July 16 to 27. The cost is $240 for two weeks, $450 for four weeks. No meals or transportation to or from camp are provided.

Due to the commitment to quality programming, enrolment in the senior division (ages 9-12) and the junior division (ages 7-9) is limited to 20 campers each.

Brenda Pinder can be contacted at (416) 656-0068 during the day or evening.

Major change in juvenile act

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Canada's new legislation dealing with young offenders came into effect on April 2, replacing its 76-year-old predecessor, The Juvenile Delinquents Act.

The Young Offenders Act marks a fundamental change in the philosophy respecting Canada's young people by increasing their legal rights and responsibilities. It signifies a major change from the 1908 JDA, which viewed young offenders as "sick" children in need of help and guidance.

"The new law says to young people that, if you break the law, you will be held responsible for your actions," Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan said recently.

"If you are a really dangerous person, if you persist in being a threat to the community, you will be dealt with firmly," he added.

Underscoring the new approach of the act is the abolition of the concept of delinquency — which included acts of sexual immorality and other "vices." As of April 2, the act applies only to those youths charged with specific offences against the Criminal Code and other federal statutes and regulations.

Youths are now afforded the same basic rights enjoyed by adults, in contrast to the old system where young people had no right to be represented in legal proceedings, to appeal sentences or even to know the duration of a sentence.

And under the new law, a system of youth courts with special procedures and dispositions (sentences) has been established, separate from the adult court system.

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Business Outlook

Modest gains in Toronto

Year begins with "sensible" real estate market

TORONTO —
In the first quarter of 1984, most of Ontario experienced a "sensible" real estate market, where well-advised, prudent buyers and sellers were able to make sound housing decisions.

That's one of the conclusions drawn from the latest Royal Trust Survey of Canadian House Prices.

The national survey tracks housing prices across Canada on a quarterly basis in six categories: detached, 3-bedroom bungalow; detached 2-storey, 4-bedroom home; standard condominium townhouse; luxury condominium townhouse; standard condominium apartment; and luxury condominium apartment.

However, Royal Trust regional managers in Ontario agree that increases in interest rates during the peak spring season could force those taking a wait-and-see attitude into the market, putting upward pressure on prices.

While first quarter resale housing prices in most parts of the province held their own or experienced conservative gains, there were some notable exceptions.

Regional managers in Toronto credit steady interest rates in the first quarter and a good supply of resale housing for the stable market and report modest gains in most categories and areas.

"This quarter we saw prices gradually rising without any sudden upsurge in prices in any area or type of housing," comments Doug Williams, Toronto West.

In Toronto East, detached bungalows showed the biggest gains in Agincourt where prices have increased from $107,000 to $112,000, an increase of 4.7%.

Oshawa posted consistent increases in all categories, with standard condominium apartments leading the way with an increase of 7.9%.

In Toronto and surrounding areas, significant increases also occurred in the luxury condominium apartments in Oakville [up 17.3% to $115,000]; detached 2-storey homes in Newmarket [up 16.8% to $111,000]; and detached 2-storey homes in North Toronto [up 11.6% to $212,000].

Eastern Ontario continues to experience a healthy resale market, with most of the activity focused in Ottawa. Resale values in all categories there increased in value compared to the previous quarter and the last year.

"There remains a strong demand for all types of housing in Ottawa," says Wallace Maxwell, Royal Trust regional manager for the area. "The listing turnover has been exceptional."

Northern Ontario also showed signs of renewed activity with most categories in most areas showing healthy increases in resale values.

Sarnia, still experiencing unemployment problems, reported gains in detached homes, but declines in condominiums. For example, luxury condominium apartments declined by 6.7% at $140,000, versus $150,000 one year ago.

In Orillia, detached bungalows moved from $54,000 last April to $63,000 this April, an increase of 16.7%.

In Western Ontario, a short supply of listings and an increase in demand have pushed up resale prices in all categories. Luxury condominium townhouses in London moved from $86,000 a year ago to $99,000 by April, an increase of 16.2%.

Other gains worthy of mention include detached bungalows in Cambridge (up 17.9% to $61,300); standard condominium apartments in Waterloo (up 17.6% to $40,000); and detached 2-storey homes in Niagara Falls (up 17.9% to $112,000).

Resale values quoted in the survey represent an average market value as of April 1 and are compared to figures reported 12 months ago and six months ago.

The survey reflects Royal Trust's estimate of "fair market value" in each location, based on data and opinion supplied by Royal Trust Estate personnel across Canada.

The Royal Trust Survey of Canadian House Prices is available from any Royal Trust Real Estate office.

Drive-in banking to start

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Commuters heading south on Bathurst will be in for a surprise beginning May 14.

That's the day Central Trust will introduce Toronto's first-ever drive-in teller.

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It has in the United States, Dees says. And what works in the U.S. usually finds its way up to Canada.

"After all, the automatic cash dispensers that are a regular part of our downtown scenery were common in the U.S. five years before they caught on in Canada," he points out.

New ways help Israel's growth

TEL AVIV —
Increased utilization of new management methods and computerized systems, developed both in Israel and abroad, are considered keys to the renewed growth of Israel's economy, according to Minister of Energy Yitzhak Moda'i. He made his remarks at the Israel Management Institute's recent 3rd annual conference on The Application of Managerial Innovations.

Sponsored by Bank Leumi le-Israel, the country's largest financial group, the conference was part of the bank's ongoing program to enhance the efficiency of commercial activities throughout the Israeli economy. Awards were granted for six papers describing projects already used to streamline Israeli business operations.

One of the award winners was a Bank Leumi employee who designed a system to monitor activity in a multibranch organization. The system, operational at Bank Leumi for the past four years, is now being used by other large Israeli firms.

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Business Outlook

Aimed at health service professionals

Seminar will deal with financial, estate planning

TORONTO —

A seminar on financial and estate planning which will focus on the specific needs and concerns of health service-professionals, has been organized under auspices of the Professional Advisory Committee of the United Jewish Welfare Fund Endowment Fund.

It will be held on Wednesday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the 4th floor conference centre of the Lipa Green Building for Jewish Community Services, 4600 Bathurst St.

Fee for the all-day session, including lunch, is $90 per person.

Program coordinator and panelist is Jack Bernstein, tax consultant with Laventhol & Horwath, author of Tax Planning for Professionals and Executives, tax lecturer for the Ontario Dental Association, and a contributing editor to Financial Planning for Physicians, Oral Health and Canadian Doctor.

"This seminar will provide a complete update of recent developments in the area of taxation of health professionals," Bernstein said. "It is important that every professional be aware of these developments, particularly as they affect him and his practice. We will not only cover basic areas of concern, but will delve into the latest tax planning techniques and review the newest tax shelters."

The four participants who will share the panel with Bernstein are:

- Tom Cowley, a tax specialist with Mendelson, Miller, Bernstein & Partners; lecturer and author of numerous articles pertaining to tax matters.
- Victor J. Falko, a former Revenue Canada field auditor who is presently senior tax consultant with Birnbaum, Prenick, Stekel & Co., and national tax coordinator for Dunwoody & Co.
- A. Lorne Greenspoon, lecturer for the bar exam course of the Bar Association of Upper Canada, and a tax specialist with Robins, Appleby, Kotler, Banks & Taub.
- Harley Mintz, instructor, York University faculty of administrative studies; lecturer for the Ontario Institute of Chartered Accountants and partner in charge of tax, Mintz & Partners.

Topics to be discussed range from family tax planning, practice building and practice protection, management company survival, to the professional will and tax shelters of the 80s.

Provision will be made for questions and answers.

For reservations, call 635-2883, local 157.

Computers or else warning

CAMBRIDGE, Ont. —

Failure to computerize and robotize in the 1980s could render Ontario-based enterprises obsolete, resulting in large-scale job losses and reduced international competitiveness, a leading U.S. industry consultant said recently.

"To survive in the face of worldwide competition, Canadian companies must use advanced, automated manufacturing processes," Peter Palecek told a meeting held in conjunction with Tech-Expo 84, a 5-day, entry-level CAD/CAM exhibition held recently at the Ontario CAD/CAM Centre here.

Palecek, a senior consultant in the worldwide industry consulting division of SRI International of California (formerly the Stanford Research Institute), presented a 3-hour briefing entitled The Revolution in Manufacturing Technology.

"Rapidly advancing technologies and their acceptance abroad make it essential that North American industry keep pace. It's a case of automate or evaporate," he said.

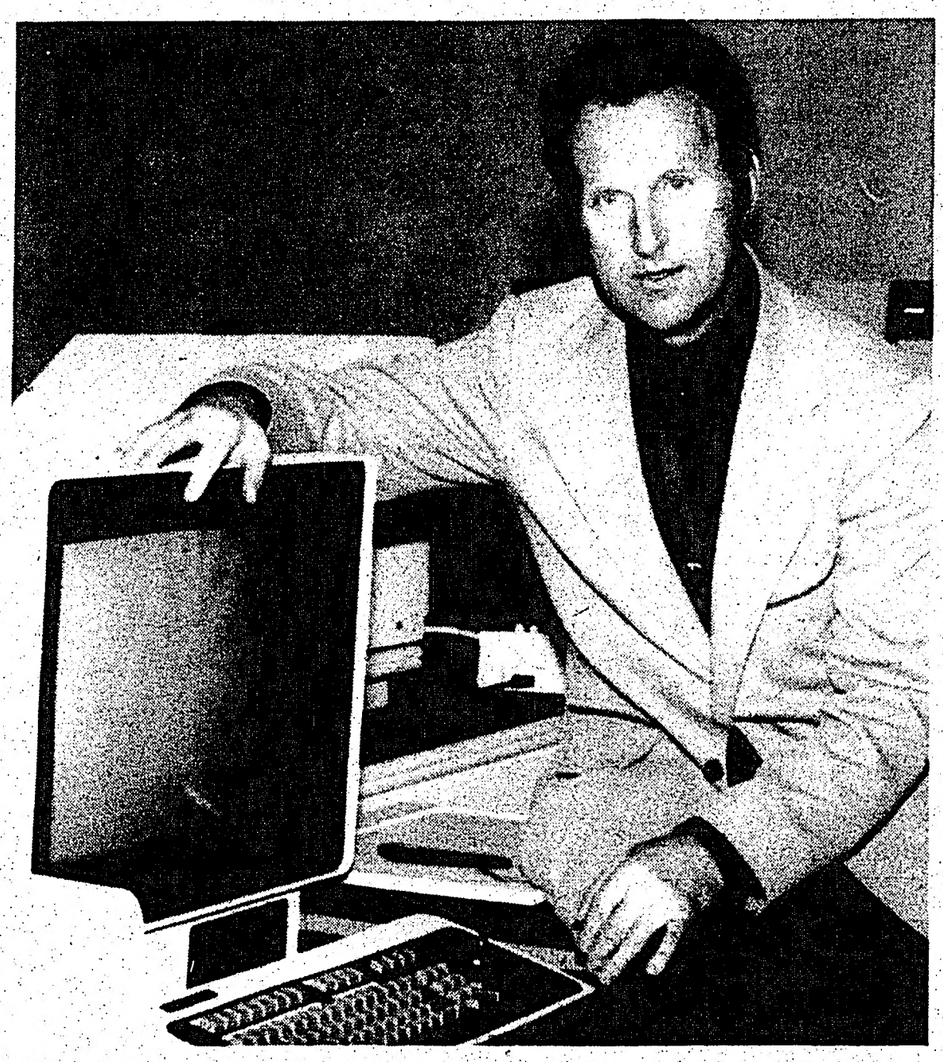
Not only Japan, but several other southeast Asia countries such as Korea and Taiwan are planning for greater reliance on computer-based engineering and manufacturing technology.

"Such competition dictates that North American industry reduce costs, increase productivity and product quality," Palecek said.

Computer-aided design (CAD), computer-aided manufacturing (CAM) and computer-integrated manufacturing (CIM), point the way to realizing these goals, he said.

Robots, or "reprogrammable manipulators," are a major element in advanced manufacturing and the computer - controlled robot will grow in importance and use.

"There is no need to fear this trend," he said. "Robots are man-made tools which can take over undesirable jobs, many of them dull, dirty and sometimes dangerous. As the work force ages, there will be fewer workers interested in routine tasks such as assembling, inspection and welding."



Peter Palecek stresses computerization.

Palecek said that automated manufacturing processes are not only practical for large corporations, but that today there are affordable applications as well for small- and medium-sized businesses.

He suggested that smaller companies should proceed "step-by-step" — establishing automation for a particular function, then expanding later as experience is gained. He also advised companies, including smaller ones, to keep in touch with developments in technology and monitor what the competition is doing.

Palecek said the market for automated manufacturing technology is growing substantially every year. The total market grew from $4,472 million in 1967 to some $7,600 million in 1982 and is expected to reach $35,000 million in 1995.

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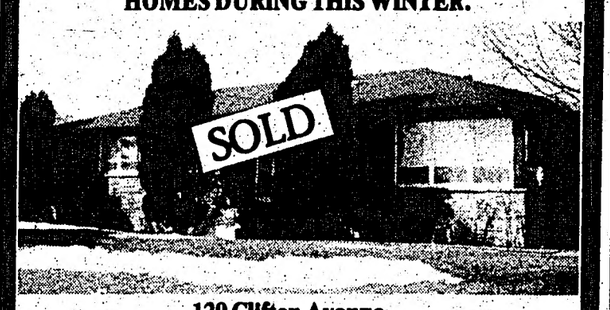

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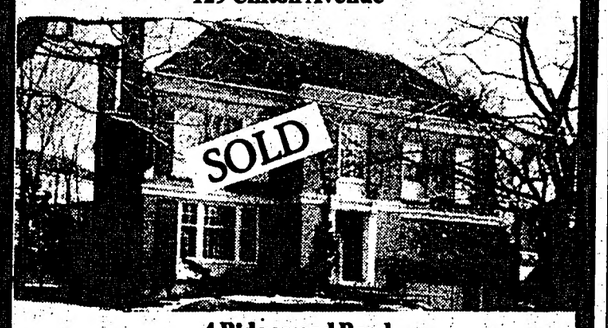

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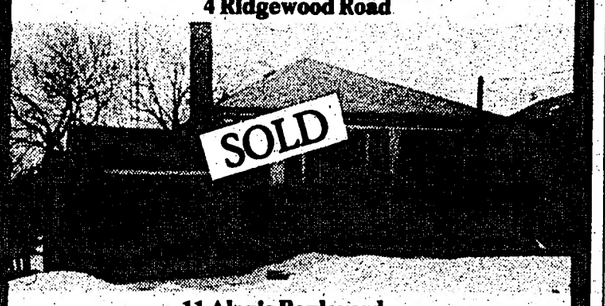

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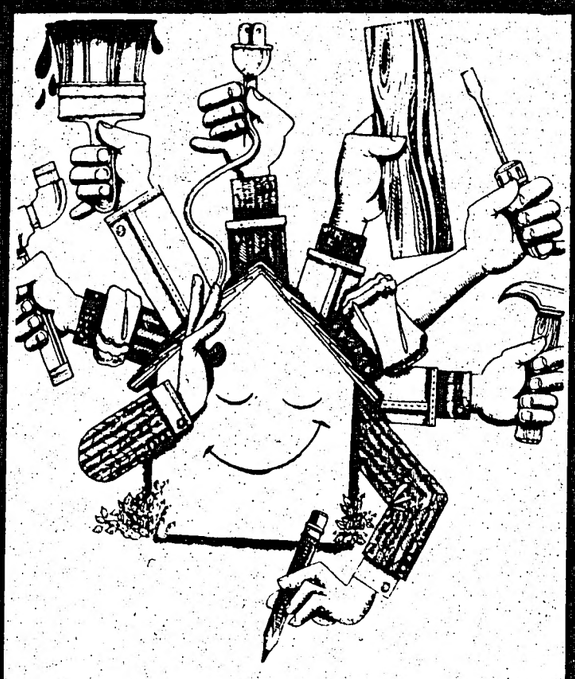

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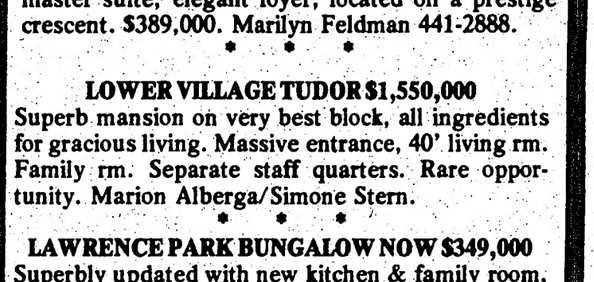

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Foliage fills Shalom Village

Plants thrive under Sarah's love, green thumb

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
Her plants are the first thing the visitor to Shalom Village notices. Facing the front entrance, arranged on shelves under fluorescent lights, there are pots and pots of them. The sign says Plants by Sarah Morris and they're for sale.

In the two years since she's been a resident, her plants have filled the building. They're in the lounge, the dining room, the hallways, decorate many a resident's apartment and on the second floor landing, the balcony off the sitting area has been glassed in to provide her with a plant room.

Back home after a stay in hospital, Morris confesses that what worried her most while she was away was her beloved plants. The staff did its best but there were casualties.

They're ranged all around her now, on the floor and on every piece of furniture ("you should see my balcony in the summer"), recovering from too little water or too much and a cactus that shouldn't have had any, is drying out on the stove.

Frail now, and in need of a steadying hand as she walks, Morris leads the way to the plant room. Here she's anything but frail. Rapidly her eyes take in the state of each of the 100 or more plants while practiced hands pick and straighten and examine.

"I don't know the names of any of them, just one or two," admits Morris, but whatever she touches, grows. In a couple of bedding boxes, slips — a leaf on an inch or two of stem — have taken root and are ready for transplanting.

She does everything herself except the watering. "That's become too hard now and sometimes I have to keep hollering to remind the staff, but they're pretty good about it now."

She has no special secrets. Just love . . . lots of love. And water with eggshells, kept covered, she cautions, "because it makes an awfully bad smell," is a very good fertilizer.

"I've always had a green thumb," says Morris. Even as a small girl growing up on a farm near Hamilton, where life was hard and there was little money to spend on decorations, she would fill the house with plants.

One of seven children, the only Jews around, but given an Orthodox upbringing by their "very, very religious parents," her only contact with other Jews was on the weekly trip into town with one of her brothers to sell their dairy and vegetable produce to Jewish families.

"Yes, all seven of us are alive." Two brothers are in Georgia, a sister in Florida, another sister, Fanny Rostoker, and a brother, Morris Silbert, in Toronto while another brother, Alex Silbert, joined her at Shalom Village last year.

Morris doesn't volunteer her age but she was married in 1929, she says, "when it was very hard to make a living and bring up a family." While her late husband was in the tire business, Morris, very much "with a mind of my own . . . because I think it's very important for a woman to know how to make a living," went into real estate, a business she still loves.

Her favorite acquisition was the little 1-room school house on Brook Rd. "where all of us started," bought 25 years ago and converted into a 5-room home still rented to the same family. "I'll never sell it," she declares, even though one of the early memories it holds is of "the other kids beating the life out of us." But later, she added, "we were very highly thought of."

In Hamilton later, her own five children were raised in Temple Anshe Sholom. "I always drilled into my kids' heads the importance of getting an education, and all have done well. The best known is lawyer William Morris, currently a vice-president of B'nai B'rith International.

James and Neil are both physicians in Hamilton and there are two daughters, one in Vancouver and one in Boston. Their photographs line the walls and snapshots of her 17 grandchildren vie for space among the plants.

Contentedly she looks around. "My family had one heck of a time" persuading her to leave her 10-room plant-filled home in Dundas "but I've loved it here from the day I moved in. I don't mind admitting when I'm wrong. I'm a very happy gal . . ."

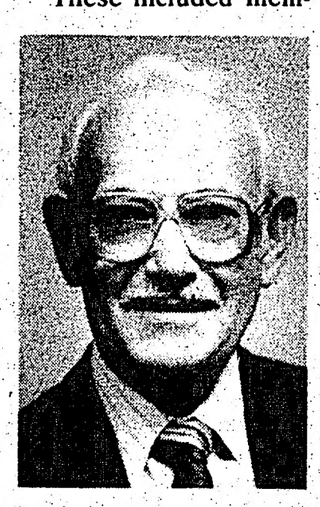
Sarah Morris with her plants.

Jack Gringorten an ardent Zionist

TORONTO —
Jack H. Gringorten, property administrator and senior vice-president of Olympia & York Developments, died suddenly at Mount Sinai last month.

A well known and highly respected member of the Toronto Jewish community, Gringorten was active in many Jewish and Israeli activities.

These included membership in the Canadian Technion Society, ORT of Canada, Bar-Ilan University, Hebrew University, Beth Tzedec Synagogue and B'nai B'rith (he was responsible for the first vocational guidance program developed by BB).

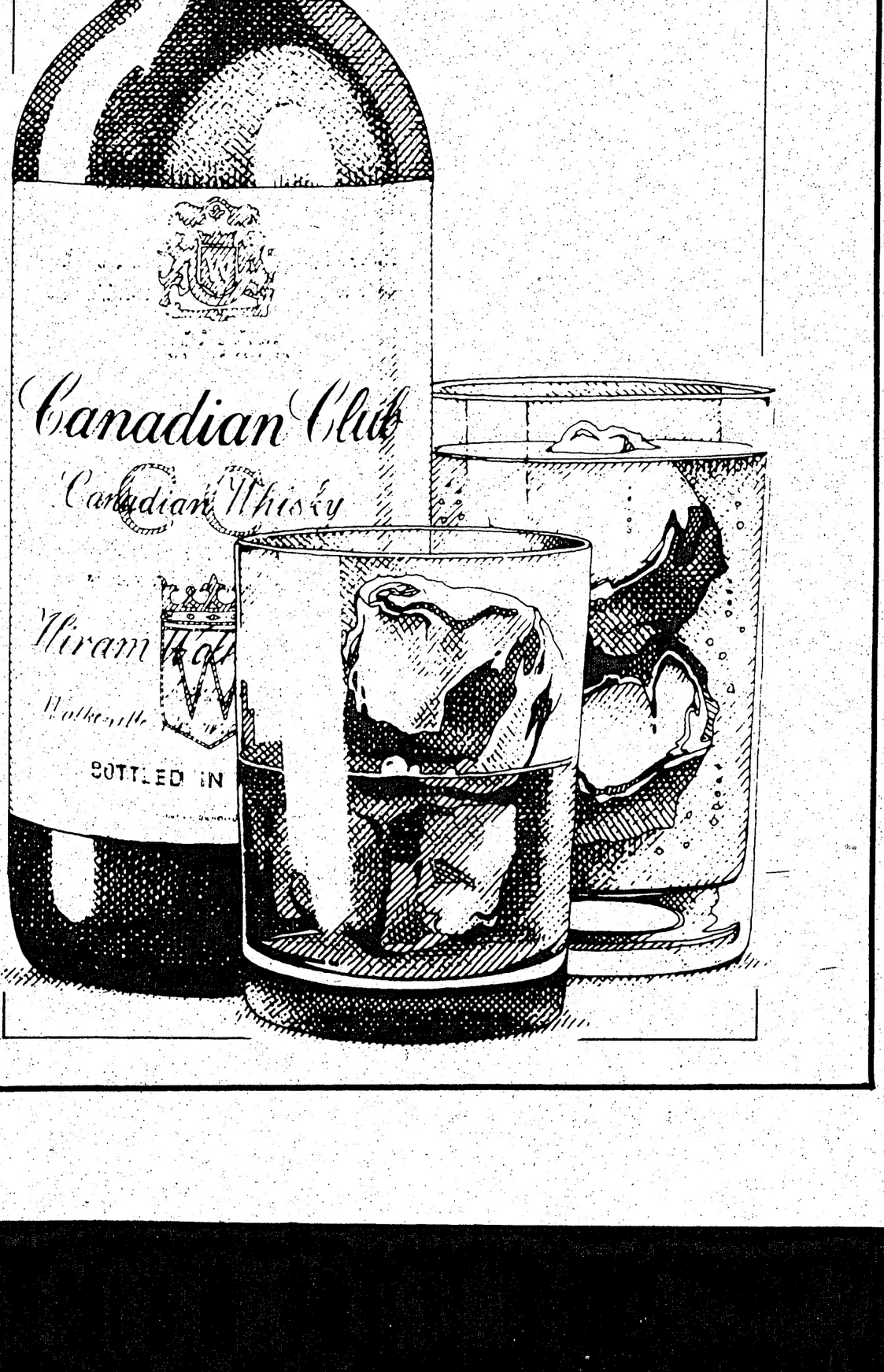


Jack Gringorten

An ardent Zionist, he had visited Israel more than 20 times over the past 20 years and considered it his duty to go at least once a year.

His father, Rev. Saul Woolfe Gringorten, was one of those responsible for the creation of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue here and Jack was Sunday School director at the synagogue in the early years.

He is survived by his wife Jean, son Gerald and daughter-in-law Tami, grandchildren Doron and Natalie, brothers Morris and Isaac of Framingham, Mass. and sisters Jean Gelb and Esther Goldberg.



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